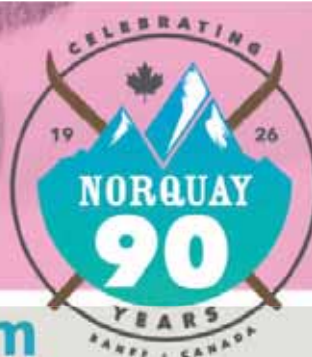


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## Asset limit under fire

LOW-INCOME HOUSING

### Albertans with over \$7K equity ineligible for program



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Albertans applying for social housing must have less than \$7,000 in assets, and policy advocates for low-income earners say that keeps people in a cycle of poverty and forces some to deliberately make themselves poorer, on paper, to qualify.

"We have seen it where people will sell down their assets to be able to find homes for them and their family," said Mike Brown, a public policy co-ordinator with Momentum, a Calgary-based financial-literacy agency.

The current legislation does

make exceptions for some types of assets including registered retirement savings, household furniture and appliances "of a reasonable value," as well as tools required by a tradesperson for work, up to a limit.

But Brown noted registered education savings plans (RESPs) are not exempt and any equity in a motor vehicle over \$4,000 is also counted against social-housing applicants.

"Certainly it doesn't take much ... to get to that \$7,000 limit," he said. "That's not a very high ceiling."

Franco Savoia, executive director of Vibrant Communities Calgary, said the system creates "barriers" for people trying to build better futures for their families.

"We want to end poverty — or at least reduce it, dramatically — but all of these bloody things that we've put in place almost keep people in poverty," he said.



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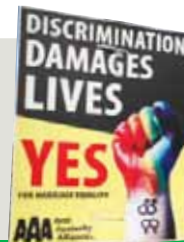
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## MLA aims to earn back trust

Rookie Alberta NDP member Deborah Drever says pretending to be assaulted with a bottle for a garage band cover photo is an inexplicable error of youth, but one she is determined to turn the page on.

"What happened three years ago, frankly, was a mistake," Drever, 26, told The Canadian Press in an interview Thursday.

"I wasn't aware of the premise of the photo beforehand and I was just asked to do this, and I did it."

"As soon as that picture was taken, I regretted it."

The photo is the latest in several questionable shots to surface since Drever won the Calgary Bow seat in the May 5 election. The pictures have sparked petitions demanding that she quit or be removed.

One Facebook photo is of Drever at age 19 and in dark glasses as she hams it up beside a marijuana T-shirt. Another shows a disembodied hand, not Drever's, giving the middle finger to the Canadian flag.

Drever, a third-year sociology student at Mount Royal University, said she just wants to get on with her new job.

Incoming premier Rachel Notley has accepted Drever's apology and asked her to develop a plan to heighten awareness of violence against women.

Drever said she will do that and pointed out that she has been working for a long time with women's groups in Calgary, pushing for women's rights and combating violence.

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# Fears of 'baking bad'

SCIENCE

## Work of former U of C student used in 'home-brew' heroin



**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

Some of the groundbreaking research that opens the door for home-brewed drugs, including heroin, can be traced back to the work done by a small group of graduate students at the University of Calgary.

Now, in theory, at least, specially engineered yeast and sugar could be used to make morphine and, by extension, heroin.

A commentary on the matter, published in the journal Nature this week, has drawn a great deal of attention — and concern — from fellow scientists, professors and even the FBI.

Cited in the article is a thesis from former University of Calgary biological sciences graduate student Guillaume Beaudoin titled "Oxidative Enzymes Involved in the Biosynthesis of Benzylisoquinoline Alkaloids in Opium Poppy."

Put somewhat simply, researchers had worked to develop sugar into a molecule called S-Reticulene and another group had figured out how to convert a molecule called R-Reticulene into morphine.

Beaudoin and his peers completed the chain by determining how to turn S-reticulene into R-Reticulene.



**A chemical pathway worked on for years by researchers, including some graduate students at the University of Calgary, has, in theory, allowed for the creation of painkilling drugs using yeast and sugar. METRO FILE**



**Guillaume Beaudoin**  
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"The first step to the last step, everything was known except for the last step we found," he said. "At first, it was a pipe dream; there were a number of steps missing. Now there's none. Conceptually, it (using yeast to pro-

duce morphine) is feasible."

But the Nature commentators, including University of Alberta professor Tania Bubela, warn that while there could be benefits from the pathway in the form of cheaper legal drug production, it could also lead to production of dangerous substances, namely heroin.

No scientist has yet reported a successful attempt to make morphine from the yeast and sugar brew.

But the research is on the FBI's radar, with agents fearing it could lead to "home-brew" heroin. The New Yorker reported concerns from Edward You, an agent with the law enforcement agency's biological countermeasures

unit, who dubbed the scenario of morphine-producing yeast "baking bad."

For his part, Beaudoin said he sees the economic benefits and the potential to produce new drugs. He noted some opiate derivatives can actually be used on patients to counteract the effects of drug overdoses.

"It's just one example of what you can do with this type of molecule," he said. "It can do bad things, but it can also do a lot of good."

Beaudoin, who's originally from Montreal, has since moved on from the U of C and is in Florida doing research on metabolic damage and repair.

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REACTION

## Local prof stunned his book was in bin Laden's library

Your average book-writing academic might be delighted to have a celebrity reader.

Barry Cooper's case is a little different.

He's far less gracious when asked about a famous person who apparently owned his book: "If I had a chance to kill him," the Canadian political scientist says, "I would've."

His famous reader was supposedly Osama bin Laden.

According to a newly declassified list from the U.S. government, the terrorist leader had 39 English-language books in his Pakistani compound when he was killed by special forces in 2011.

One of those books was written by Cooper. Bin Laden's library apparently included the University of Calgary professor's New Political Religions, or an Analysis of Modern Terrorism.

Cooper didn't believe it when a journalist first called him this week to share the news. He responded skeptically: "I thought it was a hoax."

He has no idea whether bin Laden actually read the book. But he's quite sure he wouldn't have enjoyed its unsympathetic view of terrorism's causes.

Cooper's book argues that terrorists intentionally distort religion to justify their acts — and that they're perfectly well aware that they're making up excuses.

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# Police to increase their presence in Inglewood

## THEFTS

## Residents concerned after spike in area crime



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

Residential break-ins and other petty thefts are happening more often in the Calgary community of Inglewood, and the trend has some residents worried.

Inglewood resident Jillian Frechette recently had her chariot stroller stolen from her porch despite the fact it was secured with a bike lock.

"We're certainly concerned," she said. "As a family, we're just really aggravated that we have to watch every single thing that might be outside of our home."

"I think Inglewood is a great place to live — and I'm certainly biased, given that I live there — but I guess inner-city living has its pluses and minuses, and this just happens to be one of the minuses."

Frechette said she's had property stolen from her garage at least once a year for the last three years.

Now, she's one of several victims in the Inglewood community who have been hit in recent weeks.

When it comes to residential break-and-enters, police stats show Inglewood has seen numbers jump from just one in January, to six in April.

District 1 Staff Sgt. Kyle



Inglewood resident Jillian Frechette recently had her chariot stroller stolen off of her porch. And she's not alone. Police say the Inglewood community has seen a spike in property crimes. JENNIFER FRIESE/FOR METRO

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#### Protect yourself against property crime:

1. Be aware. Make sure to take note of any suspicious or strange behaviour.
2. Help your neighbour. See a garage door left open? Let

- the owner know.
3. Report. Even if it's a small theft, report the incident to the police.
4. Lock it up. Make sure garage doors and property are secure.

Grant said city police are aware of the trend and said through increased resources and officers, police are working to target roughly a dozen

individuals believed to be targeting properties in Inglewood and across the city.

"There's about 12 people that we're looking at that are

all closely working together and have their fingers in a lot of pies," he said, noting some of the thefts may be crimes of opportunity, with the dwindling economy playing a role.

"There may be some of those people who are living paycheck to paycheck and did have a job when the economy was good and didn't have to support themselves by crime," he said.

"Now that they're out of the job and maybe having difficulty finding another job — for whatever reason — they're

turning back to that."

Bill Bakelaar, president of the Inglewood Community Association, said he knows of at least six incidents where property was stolen in recent weeks, and he said an increased presence from the CPS is welcome.

"I think that's excellent," he said.

"That's what we have our police there for, we prefer our police working on prevention rather than coming in after something has already gone wrong."

## POLITICS

## NDP admits RSVP mistake

Supporters invited to attend Sunday's swearing-in ceremony of Premier-designate Rachel Notley and her 11 NDP cabinet colleagues should not have been prompted to donate, the party said Thursday.

Initially, according to the Calgary Herald, an emailed invitation for the event planned on the Alberta Legislature grounds featured an RSVP button that then linked people onto a donation page. Faced with questions about the link to what is a non-partisan event, the party stripped the link, the Herald reports.

Alberta NDP spokesperson Cheryl Oates confirmed the link to Metro but said it was an error.

"We will continue to spread the word about the public swearing-in ceremony through a variety of mediums, including connecting with party members, but the link from the RSVP page to the donation page was a mistake and has been corrected," she said.

Progressive Conservative interim Leader Ric McIver said the link was concerning, especially given that it was tied to an official invitation from the soon-to-be premier.

"All I'll say is I hope this isn't a precursor of things to come," he said. "Albertans need to know if their government is doing government business and not using the trappings of office to raise money for personal reasons, before even being sworn into office."

Wildrose Leader Brian Jean deemed the donation link, "unseemly and inappropriate."

"Rachel Notley needs to remember that the government belongs to all Albertans and not to the donors or activists of her party," he said in a statement.

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## CITY INFORMATION

# Calgary 311 centre celebrates 10 years



**Anna Brooks**  
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Ten years and more than 11 million calls have brought the City of Calgary to a customer service milestone.

The 311 Calgary Contact Centre was the first ever 311 service established in Canada in 2005. After 10 years, city officials said it has grown to be more than just a switchboard.

Cindy Pickett, communications director for the city, said not only has 311 done a great deal for helping provide Calgarians with the information they need, but it's also played a significant role in advancement for customer service in both national and international realms.

"Ten years ago, customer service was significantly different," Pickett said. "Now,

311 isn't just a phone number. We've influenced the development of 311 in 31 cities in Canada, and we've had jurisdictions from around the world come see us."

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi got his own taste of 311 life when he hopped on a call with one of the city's call centre gurus, Chris Pat.

Nenshi said what surprised him most was hearing how polite most Calgary callers were.

"That's what I always wondered about 311, how to deal with all the angry people,"

Nenshi said (he was quickly corrected by Pat that most callers are very easy to deal with). "That was really interesting sitting in on a call. Citizens were very polite, and the 311 agent was so professional. The best thing about 311 agents is they know everything."

## 11 million

Calgary's 311 service has received more than 11 million calls since it was established in 2005.



Mayor Naheed Nenshi hops on a call with customer contact representative Chris Pat to learn the ins and outs of the 311 call centre. ANNA BROOKS/METRO



A plane lands on the new runway above Calgary's airport tunnel, which marks its first anniversary Monday. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

# Sky's limit for airport tunnel: Councillor

## TRANSPORTATION

## Only one year old, traffic expected to increase



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's airport tunnel will mark one year of operation on Monday and, while the route hasn't seen quite the traffic volumes initially anticipated, the area councillor says its best days lie ahead of it.

Coun. Jim Stevenson, who

had just been elected to council in 2007 when debate over the \$295-million project began, said he now regularly gets thanked by northeast residents for seeing the often controversial undertaking through to completion last year.

The six-lane-wide and 620-metre-long tunnel doesn't currently connect to a whole heck of a lot on the east side, but Stevenson said it was designed with long-term growth in mind.

"We're adding a city the size of Lethbridge on the east side of the airport," he said, noting as many as 60,000 new residents and 30,000 jobs are expected as the area develops.

The city faced a tight con-

## 13,000

The daily vehicle count through the airport tunnel, as measured in January. The city initially expected 15,000 cars a day when the route opened May 25, 2014.

struction window, as the project had to be completed before the Calgary Airport Authority finished building the new runway overtop of the tunnel.

As part of the deal, the city also agreed to first build new interchanges at 19 Street and

Barlow Trail NE before extending Airport Trail further east to connect to Metis Trail and eventually Stoney Trail.

City officials have been lobbying the airport authority to ease off on that clause, but Stevenson said a new agreement has yet to be reached, and the city doesn't currently have the direct need — or the \$50 million — to build the interchanges.

Transportation Infrastructure director Michael Thompson said that part of the agreement is "holding back" extending Airport Trail to the east.

"If we didn't have that clause, we'd probably be out constructing those roads right now," he said.

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# Mount Royal faculty joins the crowdfunding trend

## EDUCATION

### Money could go to research, special programs



**Jeremy Nolaïs**  
Metro | Calgary

Mount Royal University faculty in need of funds to boost their lectures, research or other educational endeavours will soon be able to turn to crowdfunding.

The online money-raising platform being introduced this fall doesn't intend to replace other donor gifts, but rather to open a new pipeline to support members, said Buffy St-Amand, the institution's manager of alumni relations and annual giving.

Mount Royal will be the first post-secondary institution in the city to host a crowdfunding platform, but a similar offering up north at the University of Alberta has yielded great success, St-Amand said.

"This something we need to get going on," she said. "It is one way that funding is changing tremendously."

Asked about the potential projects faculty could pursue funds for, St-Amand said, "It could be study-abroad programs. It could be research. It could be special initiatives that faculty have that they want to do with their students."

The university has worked to develop its platform through USEED, which focuses on funding for higher education, and sees more of its funding initiatives hit their target (93 per cent) than both Kickstarter (43 per cent) and Indiegogo (15 per cent).

Some members of the Mount Royal community have already



**Buffy St-Amand, left, manager of alumni relations and annual giving at Mount Royal University, and her colleague Ray DePaul, director of the school's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, are seen on campus. They're helping steer a new crowdfunding effort for faculty and potentially even students.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

turned to the goodwill of strangers for support. Last year, Metro spoke with blind student Ashley King, who successfully crowdfunded the tuition needed to attend the school's journalism program.

As well, Ray DePaul, who directs Mount Royal's Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, mentored the man behind customizable smart watch Pebble, one of the biggest Kickstarter successes on record.



**It could be special initiatives that faculty have that they want to do with their students.**

Buffy St-Amand, manager of alumni relations and annual giving

The watch's developer, Eric Migicovsky, raised more than \$10 million for the first version of Pebble and \$20 million for the second.

As DePaul explains it, "He (Migicovsky) created this com-

munity of people that wanted him to succeed."

DePaul said reports from the U of A indicate two-thirds of participants in that school's crowdfunding are new donors.

He believes such an offering

fits the mould of where Mount Royal is heading in the future.

"I'm always amazed that we do this remarkable job of graduating innovative students," he said. "We're known for our innovative approach to teaching and I think it's only natural that we're looking at ways to make the university more innovative."

Mount Royal will launch its first crowdfunding projects this fall and could expand the offering to students in the future, St-Amand said.

## BUSING CHANGES

### CBE takes issue with reported numbers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At Metro, we attempt to provide accurate, timely information to readers, including parents and families involved in Calgary's public education system. Metro ran a story on the evening of May 19 using figures provided by the CBE in public meetings and to our organization in response to past requests. The piece was intended to provide context around the busing changes expected at the CBE this coming fall. The CBE has since declared the figures provided in the piece "are wrong." On the day the story ran, the CBE was provided a spreadsheet by Metro detailing the figures and questions were asked about them. We were told no one was available to answer the questions on that specific day. On May 26, the CBE declared the figures in the piece "are wrong" and provided alternative ones.

Here are the areas they have said where information was wrong:

1. The CBE says its transportation budget between 2013-14 and 2014-15 increased two per cent, not 9.5 per cent as stated in the piece. Metro obtained the information for its calculations directly from a spreadsheet in the recently published interim budget report provided to the board's elected trustees. A spokesperson said Thursday that the figures in the report don't compare "apples to apples" and, instead, provide costs for differing points in time in the organization's fiscal year.

2. The CBE says the number of students using bus transportation increased by 13 per cent between 2012-13 and 2013-14 (from 33,211 students to 37,528), not 3.4 per cent as indicated by Metro. We arrived at the calculated increase using a past number provided by the organization for 2012-13 bus riders (35,123) and a document posted online in early May by the organization that stated "37,000 CBE students use transportation to get to CBE schools each day."

3. Lastly, the CBE has also taken issue with the claim by Metro that it charges more in fees than fellow metro boards in Calgary and Edmonton and pointed out that "there are other boards with higher fees, including Edmonton Public School Board where the rates are \$470." It should be noted that the \$470 is charged to students attending alternative programs. Typically, Edmonton public students ride the city's transit system and receive discounted passes, at \$30 monthly for elementary students and \$55 a month for junior and senior students.

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## POLICE

### 372 letters sent regarding possible privacy breach



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

You may want to watch the mail.

The Calgary Police Service is sending letters concerning a possible privacy breach to 372 residents, the majority of which live in Calgary's

northwest.

The letters are being sent out as part of a response to five police notebooks stolen from the civilian vehicle of an off-duty police officer on April 4. The notebooks were stolen alongside a police-issue rifle, which has since been recovered.

Emma Poole with the CPS said the letters — which con-

tain contact information for those impacted — are important, as it will ensure open communication between police and the public moving forward.

"Obviously, there are some who may want to make a complaint and we can certainly assist them with that," she said. "There's others that may just want more information about

the file and the interaction and we can certainly give them that, as well."

Police estimated between 350 to 400 people would be impacted and Poole said while the majority of residents were in Calgary, there were a few letters sent to people living outside the city.

Police are now working to answer as many questions as

possible, but there are challenges.

"The biggest thing here is the unknown," said Poole. "Because we don't know where the notebooks are and we don't know exactly what's in them, this is really a guessing game."

The officer remains suspended with pay and the suspension will be reviewed again mid-June.



# Bridges past their lifespan

## INFRASTRUCTURE

**Century-old bridges need replacement, says city**



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Drivers hold their breath while they cross this bridge to and from Inglewood — while, as LJ Robertson said, engineers cross their fingers.

“It was meant to be a hundred-year life, so for sure they’re past their best-before date,” said Robertson, redevelopment chair with the Inglewood Community Association. “We recognize that nothing’s built forever.”

Two bridges in Inglewood, the 12th Street S.E. bridge that crosses into the Calgary Zoo and the 9th Avenue S.E. bridge, have stood for over 100 years and, according to the city, are in desperate need of replacement.



A photo of the two-lane bridge on 12th Street S.E. in Calgary. HELEN PIKE/METRO

“We’re in the conceptual design phase, and they’ve done a couple of studies about the bridge,” said Maura Hamill with the City of Calgary.

“The option that they’re recommending is more to the west.”

The 12th Street bridge, which sees over 8,000 vehicles cross its narrow lanes daily, will be the first to go. The city plans to begin construction of a new \$19-million bridge in the spring of 2016 and finish up for winter 2017.

“They’re hopeful that during construction they can keep the original bridge open for a while before they have to close it,” Hamill said, noting that until there’s a design plan, nothing is guaranteed. “The idea is that if you have the bridge on a differ-

## + MORE INFO

The city is holding an information session on the 12th Street bridge project on May 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Inglewood Community Association.

ent alignment you can keep that bridge open for a while.”

For the community, it’s about time. There are concerns about speeding cars coming into the walkable community.

“Right now there’s a real tendency for people to come barreling off that bridge, most probably because they’re terrified of losing their outside mirrors,” Robertson said. “Anything that could be done to make that tendency a little less so would be appreciated.”

She added the community hopes the historic significance of the bridges will be honoured in some way, including salvaging the community sign perched atop the 9th Avenue bridge.

## POLICE WARNING Possible abduction attempt

Calgary police are seeking the public’s help after a young boy was approached in his backyard in the city’s northwest.

Police say that at roughly 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, they were called to a home in the 1700 block of 16th Avenue N.W. over reports that a man approached the young boy and tried to lure him off the property.

A release indicates the boy’s mother heard the man’s voice and, as a result, interrupted the interaction and took the child inside.

Described by police as a heavy-set Caucasian male, roughly five-foot-10 in height with brown hair, a scruffy grey beard and a deep voice, the man then left the area, and police were unable to locate him.

At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black T-shirt.

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## Council to debate cycle track network

## SAFETY

## Final vote could restrict cyclists on Stephen Ave.



Robson Fletcher  
Metro | Calgary

For a project with a relatively modest \$7-million price tag, Calgary's Centre City Cycle Track Network went through an extraordinary amount of public consultation, debate and revision before council finally settled on the form it's currently undertaking.

But, even with construction now underway and the opening date set for next month, one final debate looms over the portion of the network that runs along Stephen Avenue in downtown Calgary.

Including the busy daytime pedestrian mall as part of the network was controversial when it was first raised last year, and at one time the city considered restricting bicycle access during the peak lunch-hour period, but ultimately opted to go with all-day bike access in the final plan.

But Coun. Sean Chu wants to see that change. This week at a transportation committee meeting, he raised an amendment to the bylaw that will be required to allow cyclists on Stephen Avenue, calling for riding to be restricted between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The idea was defeated by a 4-2 margin, but it will still go to the next full meeting of city council, where all 15 members will have a chance to vote on the final rules.

Coun. Evan Woolley, a strong advocate for the cycle track net-



Pedestrians walk past a bike-locking station along Calgary's Stephen Avenue on Thursday.

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

work, described Chu's motion as an "embarrassing" last-ditch attempt to thwart at least part of the project, which Chu has routinely opposed.

But Chu said he has sincere concerns about safety on Stephen Avenue if high-speed cyclists and throngs of slow-moving pedestrians are allowed to mix.

Coun. Brian Pincott said he's been to other cities that have similar arrangements for cyclists and pedestrians on busy walkways and if the crowds ever get too thick, cyclists will naturally slow down or dismount so as not to crash.



I'm telling you, as a police officer for 21 years, that lots of people just won't (slow down).

Coun. Sean Chu

Chu, a former member of the Calgary police service, had a different view of cyclist behaviour, however.

"I'm telling you, as a police officer for 21 years, that lots of

people just won't do it," he said.

Tom Thivener, the city's cycling coordinator, previously told Metro the plan for Stephen Avenue will include new pavement markings in high-traffic areas to remind cyclists to slow down, as well as broader public education efforts.

"We'll be educating heavily about the need to respect pedestrian space and take it easy," he said. "Obviously we don't want bicyclists speeding down Stephen Avenue. We don't want them treating it like a thoroughfare, but more of a kind of passive access through this portion."

## CALGARY-BOW PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

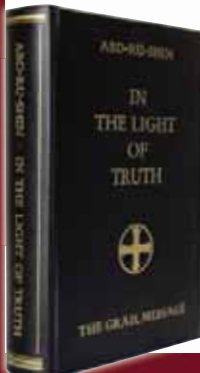


The Annual General Meeting of the Calgary-Bow Progressive Conservative Association will be held on Tuesday June 2nd, 2015 at the Main Hall of the Bowness Scout Hall, 8551

Bowness Road NW Calgary. Doors open at 7pm meeting starts 7:15pm. Members of the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta residing in Calgary-Bow are eligible to vote. Proof of membership and residency are required.

New members are welcome. Purchase memberships before the meeting at <https://www.pcalberta.org>. A membership is required to vote and sit on the board.

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## WHEELS

## Young drivers can soon drive car2go


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Metro | Calgary

Drivers as young as 18 will be able to access one-way car rentals in Calgary through car2go as of June 1, the company has announced.

"We wanted to open it up to more Calgarians to get them where they need to go," said Jon Wycoco, car2go's location manager in Calgary.

While traditional car rentals are often restricted to drivers older than 21, or even 25, for insurance purposes, car2go memberships have previously been available to 19 year olds.

Wycoco said the company decided to drop the age restriction even further, as many young people are embracing the so-called "sharing economy" instead of opting for full-time car ownership.

Jenny Lee said she signed up for car2go two years ago when she moved to Calgary at 19 and wanted a way to get around the city, but didn't want to pay the high insurance rates young drivers face.

"I wanted to pay for everything on my own and be independent," she said. "Car2go was able to get me around a lot easier and I didn't have to spend so much money ... to get a car."

# Cycle track not yet open, but gripes are rolling in

## IN DEFENCE OF


**Mike Morrison**  
Metro | Calgary

For the past couple of weeks, people have been taking to the airwaves and social media to complain about the city's new cycle tracks.

It's not unexpected; the issue has been controversial in Calgary for a few years now.

What is unexpected is the fact that people are complaining about them before they even open, because while portions of the track do look like it could today handle the several thousands of cyclists that are expected to use it, the track isn't expected to open until June 30, which is still about six weeks away.

But don't just trust me. I set up a couple of interviews this week with city officials to confirm this.

Ward 8 councillor Evan Woolley, whose ward features much of the cycle track had this to say about whether or

not the cycle tracks are open: "No, no they are not."

Interesting.

But he's a big bike advocate, so I went over his head and spoke to the mayor, and when asked if the cycle tracks were open, Mayor Naheed Nenshi had this to say, "No."

Very interesting.

But how can I be sure that these two elected officials are correct? They have a ton on their plates, they can't possibly know everything that's happening in Calgary.

So I set up a third interview, this time with Tom Thivener, the city's cycling coordinator. When pressed to confirm if the cycle tracks were open yet, he took a long pause and then replied: "Not yet."

OK, but the tracks are sort-of built, so why aren't people using them? "We'd prefer for people to wait until they're officially open; they're an active construction zone," he said.

How convenient.

So it leaves me with this question: If the cycle tracks

aren't, in fact, open as of yet, why are people complaining about the traffic delays their construction is inevitably causing?

Calgary's summers are always construction nightmares. In downtown Calgary right now, there are at least eight

ing returned once construction is complete, or replaced within a two-block radius. They're also mad about the minute or two added to their commute, even though a fender bender on any road at rush hour easily adds 30 minutes to their commute. And they're mad



**It doesn't matter to them that some 11,000 cycling Calgarians will be getting to work safer than ever before. No, they're mad about lack of parking.**

high rise construction projects, but cycle tracks are bearing the brunt of the construction blame.

Why? Because a lot of people want the cycle tracks to fail. Always have, always will.

It doesn't matter to them that some 11,000 cycling Calgarians will be getting to work safer than ever before.

No, they're mad about lack of parking, even though almost all parking spaces are be-

cause they know people are listening. The cycle tracks are a pilot project, and if you're the kind of person who hates change, they represent the perfect opportunity to complain and maybe have your voice heard.

So if you think the complaining is bad now, wait until the cycle tracks actually open six weeks from now. I have a feeling some people are just getting their engines started.

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# A reinterpretation of Canadian history

## CONTEMPORARY ART

### Exhibit uses allegory and folklore to tell national story



**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

Manitoba meets Calgary for a first-time art exhibit that delves into the complexities of Canadian history.

Winnipeg-based artist Evin Collis has spent hundreds of hours creating large-scale paintings and sculptures that use allegories and folklore to interpret different aspects of Canadian history.

While the Manitoban culture integrated into his pieces might seem vastly different from the culture of Alberta, Collis said the link between the two provinces can be

found through history, which is something not everyone recognizes.

"In central and western Canada we do share a lot," Collis said. "I'm sort of ... debunking the monumentalization of history."

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**People might not think about it or don't know the history of the land they're on.**

Evin Collis

Collis added much of his inspiration for the array of vibrant and complicated pieces he's created over the years came from his time working as a porter for Via Rail.

Using the railway to canvas Canada, Collis said the multitude of diverse places across



**Winnipeg-based artist Evin Collis is being hosted at TRUCK Contemporary Art for his exhibit Commerce, Trade, Industry.**

ANNA BROOKS/METRO

the country has also prompted thought about what it means to be Canadian.

Hosted at TRUCK Contem-

porary Art, Collis's show titled Commerce, Trade, Industry kicked off May 15 and runs until June 13.

## TRANSIT

### Rethinking and route changes planned for the 301

Calgary Transit is working to iron out kinks and help improve the "reliability and frequency" of Route 301 with some rethinking and route changes.

The plan looks at removing some current stops while keeping the same frequency and manpower there.

That means buses will continue to arrive every four to five minutes during rush hour and approximately every 15 to 20 minutes on off-peak periods

and weekends.

Transit said the change will allow riders coming from the north to transfer to the Blue or Red line quickly and that changes should improve access to the CTrain and cut down on "bus bunching."

Those using the 301 regularly should take a look at the new routing on Calgary Transit's website as changes will come into effect June 29.

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## IN BRIEF

### Fitness for trial next step, in case of Alberta woman accused of stabbing mother

A psychiatric assessment has been ordered for a woman accused of stabbing a nurse at the hospital in Red Deer, Alta., earlier this year.

The assessment ordered by a judge on Wednesday will determine whether Meghan Claire Dion is fit

to stand trial on charges of attempted murder and assault.

The 34-year-old was arrested after a woman identified by authorities as Dion's mother was allegedly attacked on Friday, March 6.

The nurse was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Dion will return to court June 24.

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# Woman's modest savings bar her from housing aid

## ACCOMMODATION

**'Maze' of rules on assets can create hardship**



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Mary Salvani just turned 37 and just celebrated one year of living in her new place.

The Calgary woman, who has cerebral palsy and an anxiety disorder, spent the five previous years searching for options in the city's tight rental market before finally finding accommodation through Alberta Health Services' Regional Housing Program.

But it's only a temporary situation.

"I'm still learning to be independent," she said of her current living arrangement, which sees a support worker visit weekly to see how she's doing. "Once I've learned that skill, they'll ask me to leave. So, I don't know when that date is, but I'm kind of scared to find out."

Salvani had hoped to find a more permanent place through social housing options offered by the Calgary Housing Company, but recently found out the money she had saved up working for minimum wage while living at home with her parents renders her ineligible.



Mayor Naheed Nenshi is shown giving a speech on poverty this week. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

**You can't look at one piece of this puzzle in isolation. You've got to look at the whole picture.**

Lucy Miller, United Way of Calgary

"My savings right now are just slightly above \$7,000, which is the limit," she said. "It makes things a little uncertain, because I don't want to move back home."

Lucy Miller, president of the

United Way of Calgary and Area, said she empathizes with Salvani's predicament.

"She's caught in a terrible place, by having that little bit (of savings)," Miller said. "But if she doesn't have that, then

she's going to put herself in a more needy situation."

Like many low-income Albertans, Miller said Salvani finds herself in a "complicated maze" of regulations surrounding social support systems that need to be addressed more systematically.

"You can't look at one piece of this puzzle in isolation," she said. "You've got to look at the whole picture."

Mike Brown of Momentum,



**Mary Salvani.** CONTRIBUTED

a financial literacy agency based in Calgary, said clients of his charitable organization are often "blindsided" by the complex rules that even he struggles to keep straight.

He's hopeful for change, soon, however, after Momentum met with provincial officials in November to discuss raising the asset limit beyond \$7,000 and making RESPs an exempt asset, so that parents aren't punished for trying to save for their children's education.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he only recently became more aware of the barriers these asset limits present and, while he understands their purpose, they may need adjusting.

"We've got to balance those things off, which is to make sure that our limited dollars supporting social needs are going to people who really need it, but also encouraging and helping people to save and build assets," he said.

"Because that's an important way to get out of poverty."

## LONGTIME MLA

# Mason to lead house

Incoming Alberta Premier Rachel Notley has appointed longtime NDP MLA Brian Mason as the new government house leader.

Notley says Mason will provide wisdom, leadership and guidance in the assembly.

She says Mason will reach out to opposition caucus house leaders in coming days to talk about the upcoming session.

Mason was first elected to the legislature in Edmonton Highlands-Norwood in a 2000 by-election.

Notley said the legislature will be recalled on June 11 to elect a Speaker, and the speech from the throne is to be delivered on June 15.

The new premier and her cabinet will be sworn in Sunday at the legislature.

"I'm very honoured to have received this appointment from our incoming premier," Mason said in a news release.

"I look forward to working together with our new caucus. I'm also looking forward to working with opposition members of the legislature in the days ahead, demonstrating that we can disagree without being disagreeable."

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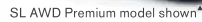


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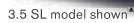
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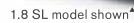
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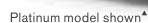
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# Dog groomers giving vets a hand finding canine cancer

## LIFESAVERS

**Getting hands on with poochs means workers discover lumps**



**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

Trims, baths and blow-dries are what most people know their dog groomers for. But could they also be lifesavers?

Amber Horton, manager at Pawsitively Pooched, said because groomers interact closely with animals in a way their owner might not, they tend to notice things like lumps, discomfort or changes in behaviour.

"They discovered four cysts on my dog just by grooming her," Horton said. "When you're bathing them you feel a lot of their body and we notice lumps or sensitivity. But



**Dog groomer Lola Bridges gives Rosco a scrub at Pawsitively Pooched in Calgary but she could also save his life by chance** JENNIFER FREISEN/METRO

when you're just petting them, you wouldn't even notice those things."

And it's not that owners aren't paying enough attention

to their pets or aren't taking them to the vet on a regular basis — Horton said it's more about the unique relationship groomers have with the ani-

mals they take care of.

"The groomers get a bit more personal with that stuff than the owners do on a daily basis," she explained. "Espe-

cially with regular clients, you get to know them really well and you'll notice an extra growth the owners may not have seen."

To spread awareness about detection of cancer in pets, Pawsitively Pooched is one of many groomers across Alberta partnering up with ACTSS (Animal Cancer Therapy Subsidization Society) to raise money for pet owners unable to fund cancer treatment for their pets.

ACTSS board member Wanda Whitford said the society started in response to the number of animals being put down because owners couldn't afford highly expensive cancer treatments for their pets.

"I remember when my Husky was diagnosed with cancer. The first thing I thought about was affordability," Whitford said. "I ended up having to put him down. At the time I didn't know about ACTSS, and I wish I did because it would have provided some hope I believe."

## IN BRIEF

### Boy, 11, joined in Alberta break ins but too young to charge: RCMP

Mounties are accusing an 11-year-old boy of participating in several break-ins in central Alberta.

Wetaskiwin RCMP have responded to 10 break-ins at homes and businesses in the area over the past three weeks. Thieves took household items as well as ATVs and motorcycles. The boy is too young to be charged under the law.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Study: Mediocre efforts by Canadian cities to prepare for floods

A new study concludes that major Canadian cities have done a mediocre job of preparing for floods.

The study, conducted by University of Waterloo researchers and commissioned by The Co-operators insurance company, rated the efforts of 15 cities to reduce the risk of damage from flooding. Ottawa emerged as the best prepared with an A- score while Halifax scored lowest with a D. Calgary scored a B. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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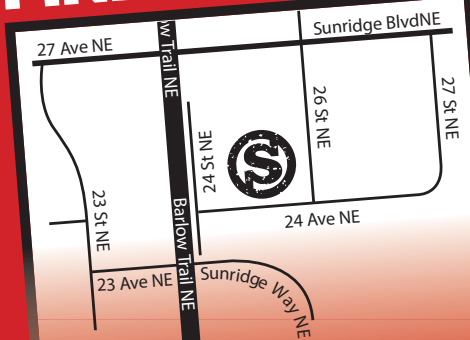
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Sharon Armstrong takes part in a vigil on Parliament Hill in March 2014 for Loretta Saunders and to call for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Murder sparks school changes

## LORETTA SAUNDERS Support for aboriginal students focus of report



Just over a year after her murder, Loretta Saunders' legacy has created change for aboriginal students at Saint Mary's University.

Saunders attended Saint Mary's while working on her thesis about missing and murdered aboriginal women for her honours sociology degree, and on Thursday the Halifax school released their President's Task Force Report on Aboriginal Students that includes 17 recommendations.

Dr. Peter Twohig chaired the task force and said Saunders' murder last February caused the school to reflect on what programs and supports were available to aboriginal students.

"Educational institutions are an important part of the colonial context," Twohig, a professor of history and Atlantic

Canada studies, said Thursday.

"If we really want to begin to have transformational change, now's the time to start and we should start in our own house."

Saint Mary's outgoing president, Dr. Colin Dodds, had called for the task force in April and received their report in September, Twohig said.

The school has already acted on two recommendations by allotting funding to hire a full-time aboriginal student adviser and establishing an Aboriginal Advisory Council that will review and decide how to roll out the other points in the report.

From there, Twohig said it's especially important to set up an Aboriginal Student Centre not only as a place for studying, but somewhere young people can feel comfortable and engage in cultural practices or have access to aboriginal mentors and staff.

Other recommendations include appointing a university elder or elder-in-residence who would provide spiritual and practical support, creating a University Chair in Indigenous Studies, increasing outreach activities to bring younger aboriginal people on campus, acknowledging SMU's spot in the Mi'kma'ki region through campus signs and flying the



**We need to ... ensure that the faculty reflects the diversity of Canada.**

Dr. Peter Twohig

Mi'kmaq flag outside the McNally Building, and developing courses more relevant to the aboriginal community.

"We're not just talking about courses on the political science ... or history of aboriginal communities," Twohig said.

"Maybe courses in Sobey's school that could talk about entrepreneurialism in a reserve context ... indigenous science and indigenous ecology."

Increasing the number of professors, experts and visiting speakers from an aboriginal background is important so students can see themselves reflected, Twohig said, which goes for African Nova Scotian or international students as well.

"That can often be a source of inspiration or at least a beginning point for dialogue, and I think it's a wonderful thing," he said.





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# There can be no reason to join terrorists: PM

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Harper heralds new funding to keep closer eye on suspects

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says there is "no legitimate reason of any kind" for Canadians to become involved in jihadist or terrorist movements.

Harper was in Montreal on Thursday to announce funds for the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency in the fight against terrorism.

The RCMP will receive \$150.4 million over five years, beginning in 2015-16, and \$46.8 million a year after, with the money going to help the Mounties conduct terrorism-related criminal investigations.

The border-services agency will get \$5.4 million over five years and \$1.1 million annually in subsequent years, with some of the funds earmarked for identifying high-risk travellers.

While the Prime Minister's Office described the money as "new" and "additional," the Finance Department said later the funds had been announced in the recent federal budget but that the specific details outlined on Thursday for the RCMP and the CBSA were new.

Harper was speaking at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, where 10 youths were arrested last weekend after being suspected of wanting to leave Canada to join jihadist groups.

"Obviously we have great sympathy for the families affected, but let us be clear: We have a great country here. We



Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Montreal on Thursday, announcing funds for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency in the fight against terrorism. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

have a country that is unparalleled in terms of its freedom, its democracy, its openness and its tolerance," the prime minister told reporters after making his announcement.

"And there is no legitimate reason of any kind in this country for someone to become a violent jihadist or a terrorist or to join any kind of group that is involved (in) or advocates that kind of activity.

"It is totally unacceptable to Canada and Canadians and unacceptable to this government."

Violent jihadism is not a



**It is no secret this is an ongoing battle. (ISIL) poses a great threat.**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

future trend but a current reality in Canada and around the world, Harper said, adding that the funds will be important in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

In recent days, ISIL militants have been on the advance, seizing the city of Ramadi in Iraq and the central Syrian town of Palmyra.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney has described the fall of Ramadi as a setback for the Iraqi military, but added it shouldn't be seen as a sign the coalition is losing the fight against ISIL.

Harper was asked in general about such advances and what the implications are for coalition forces.

"The reason the internation-

al community has intervened in Iraq is the serious threat that (ISIL) poses," he replied.

"We've had some successes, but at the same time it is no secret this is an ongoing battle, this organization poses a great threat and continues to pose a great threat, obviously to security in Iraq and Syria.

"But as long as it has a substantial territory it is occupying, it will want to use that as a base from which to launch terrorist attacks against this country."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Feds fail to stop challenge over Senate vacancies

The federal government has lost a bid to thwart a court challenge aimed at compelling Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fill Senate vacancies.

The case was launched by Vancouver lawyer Aniz Alani, who maintains the unfilled vacancies are unconstitutional, leaving provinces underrepresented and the Senate less able to carry out its constitutional role as the chamber of sober second thought.

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### Conservatives snub talks with debate broadcasters

The game of election-debate chicken continues. The Liberals, NDP, Greens and Bloc have reached an agreement in principle with the TV consortium that has traditionally organized the debates. The Conservatives were not at a meeting Thursday with the broadcasters.

### Supreme Court rules on lack of aboriginal jurors

The manslaughter conviction of an aboriginal man should not be overturned because of a lack of aboriginal jurors, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday.

In a 5-2 decision, the court found that an Ontario community made reasonable efforts to ensure the jury had adequate aboriginal representation — and that what matters is the effort, not the ultimate result.

Clifford Kokopenace had been found guilty of stabbing a friend to death on the Grassy Narrows reserve. His jury was selected from 175 potential jurors, only eight of whom were on-reserve residents. None of those made it on to the jury.

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# Premier to Ireland: Vote for gay marriage

## REFERENDUM

### Opinion polls suggest Yes side will win

Prime Minister Enda Kenny is urging Ireland's voters to support the legalization of gay marriage in a referendum that pits the power of the Catholic Church against his secular-minded government.

Speaking on the eve of Friday's nationwide vote, Kenny said Ireland could "create history" by becoming the first nation to cast a popular vote for gay marriage.

Kenny said voters' approval of a constitutional amendment to legalize gay marriage would represent an Irish civil rights breakthrough "that for generations gay people could never imagine."

"The 'Yes' will obliterate, publicly, the remaining barriers of prejudice or the irrational fear



Members of the Yes Equality campaign begin canvassing in the center of Dublin, Ireland, Thursday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of the 'them' and 'us' in this regard," said Kenny, a devout Catholic who nonetheless during his four years in power has pushed to reduce the church's influence on policy and state services.

Eight opinion polls taken since the campaign opened in

March suggest that the "Yes" campaign should win. Kenny's government is holding a referendum because it's considered legally necessary to add an explicit amendment to the country's 1937 constitution before lawmakers can pass the relevant legislation.

All political parties and most lawmakers are on the "Yes" side.

Catholic leaders and conservative pressure groups are arguing that legalization could produce surprising repercussions in Irish courts that could undermine traditional marriages.

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## MIGRANT CRISIS

### Malaysia searches for lost boat people

Four Malaysian navy ships began searching the seas for stranded boat people Thursday, in the first official rescue operation since desperate migrants started washing onto Southeast Asia's shores, and a formerly reluctant Myanmar agreed to attend a regional meeting aimed at easing the crisis.

Thousands of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar and Bangladesh are believed to be trapped on boats with little food or water — some after being pushed back by the navies of at least three countries — and the international

community has warned that time to save them is running out.

The announcement Thursday by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak was the latest in a series of breakthroughs, including an offer by his country and Indonesia to provide temporary shelter to the desperate men, women and children until a more permanent solution is found.

He said he had ordered his navy and coast guard to conduct search-and-rescue efforts for other boats. "We have to prevent loss of life," he tweeted.

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## IN BRIEF

### ISIL takes ancient site of Palmyra in Syria

Fears mounted over the fate of one of the Mideast's most prominent archaeological sites after ISIL militants overran the historic Syrian town of Palmyra, seizing control Thursday of its temples, tombs and colonnades within hours. The takeover also expanded the extremists' hold, making them the single group controlling

the most territory in Syria. The militants overran the famed archaeological site early Thursday, just hours after seizing the nearby town in central Syria, activists and officials said.

They also captured Palmyra's airport and the notorious Tadmur prison, delivering a startling new defeat for President Bashar Assad, whose forces quickly retreated.

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# Elephant selfie goes global

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Unexpected encounter leads to world's first 'elphie'

A British Columbia man got the vacation photo of a lifetime in Thailand — and he can't even take credit for it.

Christian LeBlanc was feeding an elephant when the animal grabbed his GoPro camera, set to continuous shooting, and snapped a photo with its trunk.

The snapshot, which LeBlanc is calling the world's first elephant selfie — or "elphie" — has gone viral after the 22-year-old recently posted it on Instagram.

The University of British Columbia student and his girlfriend were travelling on the island of Koh Phangan two months ago when they came across a couple of elephants.

LeBlanc says baskets of ba-



**Christian LeBlanc, a 22-year-old from B.C., says he was feeding this elephant in Thailand when it grabbed his GoPro camera and snapped an 'elphie.'** HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

nanas were being sold for 50 cents to feed the pachyderms, but one of the elephants became touchy when they ran out of food.

He says he was in shock when the animal grabbed his camera. "Elephants are incredibly in-

telligent, and it definitely makes you wonder if it was a conscious action," he said in an email.

LeBlanc still can't believe the worldwide media coverage the photo has attracted.

"The global attention has been a total joy ride." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Shopify's shares jump 51% a day after stunning debut

## E-COMMERCE

### Ottawa-based company's IPO priced each share at \$17

Shares of Shopify climbed 51 per cent in the company's first day of trading Thursday, one day after raking in \$131 million in its initial public offering, more than expected.

Shopify Inc. stock rose \$8.68 to close at \$25.68. The offering of 7.7 million shares priced at \$17 each, valuing the entire company at around \$1.27 billion.

The Canadian company works with merchants who want to offer their own online checkout services, providing a platform for small- and mid-size businesses that sell products online. The platform offers merchants the ability to manage inventory, process orders and payments, and also to interact with their customers. Clients can use Shopify's software to handle sales made through mobile phones, the web, physical stores and other means.

Shopify said it handled about \$3.8 billion in transactions in 2014, and it reported \$105 million in revenue.

The jump put Shopify on pace for one of the strongest first days among companies that went public in 2015.

The biggest gainers have been cancer drug developer Aduro Biotech Inc. and Shake Shack Inc., both of which more than doubled on their first day of trading.

The stock is trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol SHOP.

InfoTech Research Group senior analyst Ben Dickie says the company is attractive because of its presence in the "hot space" of mobile payments.

He says unlike other tech companies that have listed on the stock market, such as Facebook, Shopify has a clear business model and an obvious potential for revenue growth.

Regulatory filings show that Shopify lost \$22.3 million last year compared to \$4.8 million in 2013. Its revenue more than doubled to \$105 million.

The company said it handled \$3.8 billion in transactions in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Shopify CEO Tobias Lutke, centre wearing hat, rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell on Thursday, marking the Canadian company's IPO. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## + FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SHOPIFY

**E-Commerce:** Shopify targets small- and medium-sized business with software for designing, building and managing sales across the web, mobile applications and stores. Its 165,000 customers in 150 countries include Tesla Motors and the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers. Sixty per cent of its client base is in the U.S.

**Value:** The company's IPO was priced at \$17 US per share, up from the \$14 to \$16 range the company had previously indicated, because of investor interest.

**Humble beginnings:** The company grew from the modest ambitions of three Ottawa men looking to sell snowboarding equipment online. The platform they

built turned into Shopify, which began offering its services to other businesses in 2006. The original snowboarding shop is still selling boards, bindings and goggles on the web.

**Growth:** Originally five people, Shopify now has more than 500 employees in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. The company's new six-

floor, 102,000-square-foot headquarters in downtown Ottawa can accommodate 740 employees and Shopify plans to fill the space.

**Business model:** Around 60 per cent of Shopify's revenue comes from selling subscriptions to its platform. It offers a variety of plans at different price points.

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## OECD STUDY

### Wealth gap hits growth

The widening gap between haves and have-nots in much of the developed world is holding back economic growth, according to a new global study.

Far from a rising tide lifting all ships, income inequality increases in good economic times as well as bad, Thursday's report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says.

An increase in income inequality between 1985 and 2005 knocked 4.7 percentage points off cumulative growth between 1990 and 2010 on average across its 34 member countries, it concluded in its report, *In It Together, Why Less Inequality Benefits All*.

Policies to improve women's treatment in the labour market and measures to reverse the growing share of low-quality, "dead-end" jobs are key to reducing income inequality and unlocking more economic growth, the OECD said.

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# Mideast youth job market tight

**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM**

## Unemployment rate of 29.5% is world's highest

Fawziyeh Sharif and dozens of other young women who make jeans for the U.S. market in a factory in the village of Kitteh in northern Jordan consider themselves lucky — even though they spend 48 hours a week bent over sewing machines for minimum wage.

Sharif, 24, landed her first-ever job when the Ivory Garments Factory opened last year in an area where options had been limited to men joining the army and women staying home.

Yet for millions of young people in the Middle East and North Africa, jobs remain out of reach and the problem has only worsened in the post-Arab Spring turmoil.

Starting Thursday, political and business leaders from 58 countries are coming together for a regional conference of the World Economic Forum and Mideast youth unemployment



**Jordanian women sew jeans for the U.S. market in a garment factory in the village of Kitteh in northern Jordan. The factory has created employment in an area where options had largely been limited to men joining the army and women staying home.** RAAD ADAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ment will be on the agenda.

The problem has been debated for years, but has taken on even greater urgency with the growing appeal of militant ideas among desperate young

people and the extremist Islamic State group's land grab in Syria and Iraq.

Widespread joblessness creates fertile ground for recruitment by militants, said Samir

Murad, a former Jordanian labour minister. There is a risk that if the unemployed "don't find a decent living, they look for the alternatives, and the alternative is the so-called Is-

lamic State," he said.

There are many reasons why the young are unemployed.

A "youth bulge" has created a rising demand for jobs that cannot be met at a time of tepid economic growth blamed on low oil prices and prolonged conflict.

Outdated education systems with emphasis on learning by rote are creating graduates who often lack skills sought by the private sector.

Old social contracts in which autocratic governments serve as the largest employers and buy acquiescence with large-scale subsidies of food and fuel have been breaking down.

Jordan has one of the region's lowest rates of women in the workforce because of constraints imposed by a largely traditional society.

To get around the cultural sensitivities, the garment factory in the northern village of Kitteh employs 82 women, but no local men.

The factory looks like a classroom — except that sewing machines are placed on desks.

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## **+** PYRAMID

### **Cultural factors play role in labour mismatches**

Jordanians traditionally shun socially stigmatized blue-collar jobs in construction and agriculture, leaving those to be filled by hundreds of thousands of migrant workers and Syrian refugees — despite a national unemployment rate of 13 per cent and youth unemployment of more than 30 per cent.

Only about 30,000 young Jordanians are currently enrolled in vocational schools that produce badly needed plumbers and carpenters, while more than 10 times as many study at universities. Once they graduate, many of the more educated struggle to find jobs, said Samir Murad, a former labour minister.

"It should be the opposite," he said. "The pyramid is totally inverted."



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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### The government love sleuth's guide to spotting true passion

We're lucky we've got the government to judge and sanction modern love.

Just look at a Citizenship and Immigration Canada training document from 2007 — revealed this week — which offers tips on how to spot “non-genuine marital relationships.”

The extra tool to counter “an observed temporary spike in cases of marriages of convenience,” as a spokesperson put it, undoubtedly helped immigration officers in Ottawa cubicles identify the real deal, before conditions changed a few years ago. And since what is love internationally is love domestically, it's helpful for us all.

For example, Chinese nationals marrying non-Chinese are suspicious. Restaurant receptions are dubious. No honeymoon, “not even a couple of days away”? Likely, no love. Oh, and diamonds, in ring form, are obligatory.

An age difference of more than 10 years (like that of my long-married parents) is a red flag. A lack of photos equals a lack of romance. And different ethnic and education backgrounds show lovers are pulling a scam. After all, in modern times, like marriages like.

The document also clarifies that money DOES buy love, and is in fact key to its veracity. Sparing no cost on a wedding isn't cliché — it's

credible.

Of course, this all makes it hard for poor people to avoid a sham marriage. And sadly, it means a few of my friends have love that's a lie.

Like the Canadians who eloped in Austin, Texas, using rings they already owned. And the ones who wed at a cottage without parents or professional photos.

I have bad news, too, for my friend who married a man from India, possibly one of those “very poor” countries that are a source of frauds looking for a better life. After all, the “more they have to gain, the higher the bar is to satisfy the bona fides.”

Thank God I'm with an American; someone who “doesn't gain that much.” I'm even grateful this document was released (via an access to information request). It will help us plan the right romantic evidence for the government love sleuth.

For instance, we won't use photos of us in pyjamas or cooking — like my colleague did on her application. They're an obvious attempt to prove fake cohabitation. She had to cough up better proof.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, let it be said, has a very tough job measuring love. And if our non-traditional, on-the-cheap, interracial and sans-family weddings just don't match the state's ideals, we know who's wrong.

## Happy face/Sad face

From **mangled maps** to **Arctic adventures**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



### Multiple Maritime map mix-ups

A Calgary tour company had to apologize twice this week for bungling maps of two provinces. A brochure from Anderson Vacations advertised three Newfoundland landmarks — Deer Lake, Main Brook, and the capital, St. John's — on a map of Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island. The company said sorry a second time for a map that identified St. John's, N.L. as Saint John, a city in New Brunswick. [cbc.ca](#)



### Missing man safe after 60km Arctic trek

Parks Canada employee Brian Koonoo, who was reported missing May 15 from Hall Beach, Nunavut, turned up this week after a four-day search through freezing temperatures and blowing snow. Koonoo, an expert hunter, lost his radio. His snowmobile broke down and his GPS ran out of batteries. With help of a map app, on Wednesday at 5:30 a.m., he arrived on foot at his destination, Repulse Bay, after a 60-km stroll. [cbc.ca](#)



### Pot may be bad news for boys' growth

Smoking marijuana early in life can interfere with boys' development, says a new study from the European Society of Endocrinology. Researchers measured hormones in the blood of 220 non-smoking and 217 marijuana-addicted boys. Puberty hormones were elevated, and growth hormones depressed, in marijuana smokers. The non-smokers were an average four kilograms heavier and 4.6 inches taller by age 20. [SCIENCEDAILY.COM](#)



### Teen hailed for healthy invention

Forget baking-soda volcanoes: A Vancouver student invented a way to curb global epidemics for his science project — and now he's \$75,000 US richer. Raymond Wang, 17, won first prize at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Friday. He created a new air circulation system to redirect air to give everyone their own breathing space in aircraft cabins. [THE CANADIAN PRESS](#)

# Thanks, Air Canada, for the laugh at others' pain

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Do you ever find yourself deriving pleasure in other people's misfortunes? Like when you run into an ex-boyfriend who, for every hair he's lost, has gained a pound? There's a term for this perverse glee. It's called *schadenfreude* (from the German words *schaden*, for “damage” and *freude*, meaning “joy”). Well, I had some major damage-joy this week when I heard Air Canada was going to start cracking down on carry-on luggage. That's right, as of next week, Air Canada will be carefully inspecting your carry-on. If it's too big, they'll charge you \$25 to check it.

Now, you might be thinking, “Rebecca, you idiot,

you're also going to suffer — you are deriving pleasure from your own misfortune.” But here's the thing, I won't. I won't suffer from this new rule because I was never one of those people who tried to bring my refrigerator onto the plane. My bags were always the appropriate size because I'm what they call a “rule-follower” (a.k.a. a brown-noser).

I tried a few times to bring my overnight clothes on board but almost every time I'd get singled out and be forced to check my bag at the gate. It's like when I travel, I turn into Mr. Bean and nothing goes my way. Flight attendants would stop me and tell me my bag was too big. Meanwhile, I'd see another person get on board with a cello and a pet elephant.

One time, as I boarded, I was told there was no overhead space left — a situa-

tion familiar to those who are often last to board (not-rich people). I checked my tiny suitcase, but when I got to my seat, I was shocked to find the overhead bin empty — while this is the kind of irony that made Alanis Morissette famous, all it caused for me was severe irritation.

Since giving up on trying to bring an extra set of undies on board, I have gritted my teeth while watching others get away with carry-on murder: “laptop” bags that could fit a desktop computer from 1988, or those people who affix two small suitcases together so it looks like one (you know who you are).

And because of those people, often — by the time I get on board with my modest but cool Herschel backpack — I can't even store it overhead and am forced to cram it down by my feet, giving me

**I won't suffer under this new rule, because I was never one of those people who tried to bring my refrigerator onto the plane.**

even less leg room than the centimetre I was allotted.

So, yeah, I can't wait for the next time I fly, when I will get to watch everyone else go through what, for some reason, I've been going through my entire life. See you at the baggage carousel, suckers!

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# Tempted by Tomorrowland?

## OPENING WEEKEND

### Disney remains mum on plot details of their \$190M film

#### IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



We're about to reach the tipping point of the summer and it's not even the end of May.

In a summer crowded with sequels like Avengers: Age of Ultron and Pitch Perfect 2; reboots like Terminator Genisys and Jurassic World; remakes like Poltergeist and Entourage — a TV show blown up for the big screen — along comes Tomorrowland, a big-budget film based on an original idea.

Not every film this year is a sequel, prequel or the like, but Tomorrowland, with a budget topping out at \$190 million, is the most expensive original film to come down the pike this year.

Borrowing its name from the futuristic themed land found at Disney parks, the movie stars George Clooney as a former boy genius, and Britt Robertson as a gifted teenager, who — according to the press materials — “travel to a place somewhere in time and space only known as Tomorrowland where their actions directly affect the world and themselves.”

Disney is deliberately keeping plot details under wraps, hoping the allure of mysterious trailers will draw people in. It's the opposite of the usual strategy of showcasing the film's highlights in a two-minute promo.

I was at the D23 Expo in Anaheim, Calif. — imagine the Disney version of Comic Con — in 2013 when Brad Bird and Damon Lindelof unveiled the name of the movie, but little else.

In a splashy presentation they claimed a “dusty old box” labelled 1952, that was found in the Disney Imagineering archives, had inspired the story.

Containing a mysterious mishmash of items, including a 1928 copy of Amazing Stories magazine, a photograph of Walt Disney and Amelia Earhart allegedly taken after her disappearance, a short animated documentary and an unidentified metal object, they said the idea of the film is to ask “what if these mystery clues were real?”

Teasing the potential audience into buying tickets is an intriguing but risky idea. It's a risk Bird was willing to take. He turned down the chance to direct Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens, to make Tomorrowland, saying, “it's rare to do a film of this size that's original, so those opportunities can't be missed either.”

But will it be an opportunity that moviegoers will embrace? Suggesting that Hollywood only feels comfortable



Britt Robertson stars in Tomorrowland, the most expensive original film to come out this summer. CONTRIBUTED

with movies that are pre-sold via brand recognition is an understatement. Whether it is a familiar title with a num-

ber added or any movie from the mighty Marvel stable, the big studios aren't in the habit of taking chances and it's not

their fault. It's ours.

One of the main complaints I hear from people is that there are no interesting movies in release and yet Furious 7 and Age of Ultron have grossed amounts equal to the GNP of some small nations.

By supporting big-budget “branded” movies, we send the message that original stories don't interest us, only ones that give us what we expect.

While we have the chance,

why not take a chance on a movie that takes a risk?

That's the tipping point. Check out Tomorrowland or Ex Machina.

If sci-fi isn't your thing, how about Aloha or Inside Out? There is room for all kinds of movies but why not vote with your feet and let the studios know that their steady diet of sequels, prequels and reboots is quickly nearing its best-by date.

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# Emily Blunt calls role 'intelligent argument'

## WOMEN AT CANNES

### Sicario star uses her work to celebrate women in film

Emily Blunt didn't come to the Cannes Film Festival to talk about shoes.

She may have breezily, without hesitation, called out the silliness of any red-carpet dress code that would turn away women in flat shoes "in 2015," drawing headlines for her matter-of-fact defence of several heel-less guests who were refused admission to a premiere.

Blunt won't hesitate to speak her mind, but she would rather let her actions — and her characters — do the talking.

"We need to take more action and talk less about it," Blunt said in an interview shortly after her *Sicario* premiered at Cannes. "Instead of having nights that celebrate women in Hollywood, we should organize programs where you pay for female writers to develop their skills."

Blunt's skills are prominently on display in *Sicario*, a drug war thriller directed by Denis Villeneuve that's among the films competing in Cannes for the Palme d'Or. As practically the only female in the film, her strong presence anchors *Sicario*.

"I don't ever relate to characters that don't have their s— together in their 30s," says Blunt. "I've been offered a couple of parts like that and I just say, 'I don't relate to it. I don't understand it.' I don't have an interest in playing



British actress Emily Blunt at the Cannes Film Festival. BERTRAND LANGLOIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

those kinds of parts. As I get older, I just love seeing people that don't have their head in their hands. I like seeing people who cope."

The performance in *Sicario* has put Blunt among the women who have defined this year's Cannes Film Festival, from Cate Blanchett in the '50s lesbian drama *Carol* to Charlize Theron in the dystopian drag race *Mad Max: Fury Road*, for their solitary strength in male-dominated worlds.

Before Blunt came aboard *Sicario*, there was pressure to change her role to a man.

"It's more an anomaly to see a character like this in cinema," says Blunt.

"But the reality from the FBI agents that I spoke to, there's a lot of chicks in law enforcement. We just don't make movies about them very often."

The 32-year-old Blunt, who's married to actor John Krasinski, hesitated at tackling the grim, brutal tale of *Sicario* (which translates as hitman).

Villeneuve, the Québécois director of *Prisoners* and *Incendies*, met with the British actress four weeks after she gave birth to her daughter. She

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Emily Blunt

was feeling, she says, "the opposite of the character."

"It seemed at the time like a bad fit for me to be doing at that point in my life," says Blunt.

"But I actually thought: This is really good to put out there for my daughter ... for her to see."

"I start to think now, becoming a mother: What am I putting out there in the world and what affect will that have? It's not only a really fantastic role for a woman; it's an intelligent argument."

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## THRILLER

### Villeneuve's look at a violent drug war

Canadian director Denis Villeneuve unveiled his drug war thriller *Sicario* at the Cannes Film Festival on Tuesday, premiering a muscular saga that plunges deep into Mexico only to reveal more about the other side of the border.

"For me, the movie's not about Mexico," Villeneuve told reporters. "The movie's about America."

Emily Blunt stars as an FBI agent enlisted to a task force led by a cocky CIA operative (Josh Brolin). They're joined by a mysterious Columbian played by Benicio del Toro. In clandestine raids into Mexico and other illicit activities, they attempt to bring down a cartel boss.

A bleakly violent thriller, *Sicario* is the Québécois director's second collaboration with the revered cinematographer Roger Deakins. Like their 2013 kidnapping drama *Prisoners*,

## FEMALE LEAD

### Director said no to rewrite

The director acknowledged that there was initially pressure for Emily Blunt's protagonist to be rewritten for a male actor.

it's heavy with allusion to the morality of employing violent military tactics for the sake of American safety.

"We are living in a time where grey zones are more blurred than ever," said Villeneuve.

Del Toro, though, said the drug trafficking drama of *Sicario*, which Lionsgate will release in the U.S. on Sept. 18, is familiar territory for him.

"I'm an old horse when it comes to that problem," the Puerto Rican actor said.

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## We are living in a time where grey zones are more blurred than ever.

Denis Villeneuve, director of *Sicario*, on the morality of employing violent military tactics for the sake of American safety



Director Denis Villeneuve. LUIS RICARDO MONTE MAYOR CISNEROS

## CANNES OUT-OF-COMPETITION SCREENING

### Explicit film Love brings graphic 3D sex scenes to screens at Cannes



A scene from the explicit 3D romance *Love*. CONTRIBUTED

The movies are in love with love, but they're often squeamish about sex.

That's not something that can be said about director Gaspar Noé, whose new film *Love* brings graphic sex — in myriad positions, in twosomes, threesomes and groups — to the Cannes Film Festival.

A depiction of turbulent youthful relationships, it's extremely explicit — and it's in 3D. *Love* is full frontal, in-your-face filmmaking.

"I want to make movies out of blood, sperm and tears," said

**I want to make movies out of blood, sperm and tears**

Love's male lead

the central male character, an American film student in Paris. That could be Noé's motto, too.

The director wants to smash the convention that keeps graphic eroticism out of mainstream cinema.

Love stars American actor Karl Glusman and European performers Aomi Muyock and Klara Kristin as the members of a turbulent love triangle in Paris. The actors said they were initially uncomfortable with the film's all-baring intimacy, though they came to embrace it.

Love offers an eye-catching mix of sex and 3D, a technology Noé says he used because it was a new challenge.

The film was — unsurprisingly — one of the most anticipated films at Cannes, where

it is playing as a special out-of-competition screening.

Yet some reviewers found it disappointingly limp. The Guardian newspaper called it "50 shades of vanilla."

Whatever the critics say, sex will sell *Love* — and also limit its commercial prospects.

It will probably have a limited release in the United States.

"The Americans, when it comes to film distribution, they can be very square," Noé said.

"I think this movie could never have been done in America. No way." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





George Clooney stars in a new Disney film about trying to go back to the 1960s to make the world a better place. DISNEY 2015

# George Clooney: aging actor, eternal optimist

## TOMORROWLAND

**He plays bitter in new sci-fi film, but inside he's nothing but hopeful**



**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro|Life

George Clooney may be one of the few bona fide movie stars we have left, but he still thinks he's a bit out of place in the summer blockbuster arena.

"Putting me in a summer movie is a very bold thought," he says with his trademark smirk. "First and foremost, I think it's a really bold thing for Disney to be willing to do a film that isn't a sequel and isn't a comic book and truly invest in a summer film of this sort of ilk."

Which sort of ilk, exactly? Tomorrowland, directed by Brad Bird and written by Bird and Lost creator Damon Lindelof, features Clooney as "a former boy genius who's gotten bitter in his old age" — to hear Clooney himself describe it — who teams

up with a precocious teen (Britt Robertson) to get back to the secret world of Tomorrowland, where the smartest minds disappeared back in the 1960s to build a better future.

"Just so we're clear, when Damon and Brad showed up at my house, they said, 'We've got a part we've written for you,'" Clooney remembers. "And then I opened up the description of the character — 'A 55-year-old has-been.' I'm kind of going, 'Wait, hey, hey, hang on a minute. Which part am I reading for?'"



**What I loved about the film was that it reminds you that young people don't start out their lives cynical or angry.**

George Clooney

Luckily, 54-year-old Clooney got over any lingering sense of vanity. "I just loved the idea," he says. "We live in a world right now where you turn on your television set and it's rough out there and it's not fun, and it

can really wear on you after a period of time. We see generations now feeling as if it's sort of hopeless in a way. What I love about it is it speaks to the idea that your future is not pre-ordained and predestined, and that if you're involved, a single voice can make a difference — and I believe in that."

That 1960s optimism is something Clooney would like to see more of here in the 21st century.

"I grew up during the Cold War period, and I always found that although we always thought that the world would end in a nuclear holocaust at some point, everybody was pretty hopeful," he says.

"There was an awful lot of things going on that you felt you could change. I grew up in an era where the voice, the power of the one really did feel as if it mattered. What I loved about the film was that it reminds you that young people don't start out their lives cynical or angry or bigoted. You have to be taught all of those things. I watch the world now and think well, I see really good signs from young people out there and I feel as if the world will get better. I've always been an optimist. I've been a realist, but I've been an optimist about it."

## NEW RELEASES

# Matthew MacCaull infuses bit role with '60s swagger'

Making your mark as a bit player in an eye-popping, effects-laden Disney movie featuring George Clooney is no easy feat.

But that's what Montreal-born actor Matthew MacCaull set out to do with his brief appearance in the futuristic Tomorrowland, a kid-friendly adventure tale drawing on both the name and wondrous spirit of the otherworldly theme park.

Britt Robertson stars as a brilliant teen who finds a pin that transports her momentarily to what seems to be the future.

When she's zapped back to the present day she enlists the help of Clooney's character, a former boy genius named Frank Walker, in her bid to find this parallel world again.

MacCaull's character Dave Clark is a mysterious figure intent on protecting the secrets of Tomorrowland. He doesn't get much screen time, but MacCaull saw an opportunity to stand out nonetheless.

"I thought that he could be a really memorable character and I thought if I do my work right, he might be even an iconic character," MacCaull says.

"The answer was: Do as much

work as you can. If you wake up in the middle of the night and you have an idea, get out of bed and work on it, don't wait. Just work on it right now. So there were definitely a couple of sleepless nights."

MacCaull began strategizing when he scored an audition, even though he had virtually no information on the role. He says he was only told a few key details — the name of the film, the name of the character and the fact that director Brad Bird (Ratatouille, The Incredibles) and screenwriter Damon Lindelof (Lost, Star Trek Into Darkness, Prometheus) were involved. The name Dave Clark immediately had him thinking about '60s English rockers The Dave Clark Five, so he decided to infuse the role with a "sort of '60s swagger."

"It was just

one of those moments where an actor has to make a choice and actors always make choices," said the 37-year-old MacCaull, whose parents and family are from Prince Edward Island.

"And so I just thought, 'I think I've got some creative freedom here to make some bigger choices.' And luckily, I guess I was right."

MacCaull's big break comes after more than a decade of chipping away at background work, commercial auditions and bit parts in smaller productions. That's on top of a variety of day jobs including a stint as a travelling toilet brush salesman in Halifax, a trucker in the United Kingdom, and a lifeguard in Vancouver, which is still how he spends his summers.

"It was just so hard," MacCaull admits of his long road to establishing an acting career.

"You have all your friends asking you how you're doing, how's it going and you just don't want to tell them that you're failing at it every day." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Finding humour in the horror

## SHOCK

## Metro looks at the lighter side of The Human Centipede films

**Chris Alexander**  
Metro | Life

Even if you haven't had the pleasure (?) of viewing one of filmmaker Tom Six's dubiously iconic films that fall under the The Human Centipede handle, you likely are aware of them.

The franchise — whose third offering, *The Human Centipede 3: Final Sequence*, gets released today — is inarguably among the most vile series of horror films ever unleashed, telling their tales of madmen who think stitching humans together rectum to mouth to form a scatological daisy chain is some kind of reasonable idea.

But beneath Six's sickening shock tactics lurk savvy, transgressive comedies; blackly funny affairs in which scenes of gruesome biological terror serve as the, ahem, butt of the joke.

**Metro takes a look at the lighter side of The Human Centipede films**



## FIRST SEQUENCE

### The Human Centipede (2009)

Six's maiden voyage into mad oral/anal science stars German actor Dieter Laser as the psychotic surgeon Dr. Heiter, who opts to kidnap three unfortunate souls to fulfil his dreams of six-legged gory glory. This is a grim, conceptually hideous film and yet there are moments of hilarious absurdity. Laser himself is a cartoon, like something teleported out of the broadest Mel Brooks spoof; he stalks hallways, glowers with bug eyes and goes off on outrageous ranting tangents with theatrical aplomb. Scenes in which he attempts to "train" his creation with a riding crop are sublimely silly as is the moment where he jumps up and down, giggling like a six-year-old while his "centipede" feeds. Gross? Sure. Funny? Absolutely.



## FULL SEQUENCE

### The Human Centipede 2 (2011)

Six returned two years later with this operationally vile black-and-white sequel. The fact that Six responded to the studio cutting the film by saying, "it's like I made a comedy and they take out all the good jokes!" tells one all you need to know about the film's tongue-in-(butt) cheek intentions. In it, Martin Lomax (Laurence Harvey) becomes obsessed with the first film and, exploiting his position as a security guard in an underground parking garage, traps victims to make his own super-centipede. Of course, Martin is not a doctor, and what he lacks in surgical know-how, he makes up for with a staple gun and the biggest tub of liquid laxatives ever seen, resulting in vomitous hilarity. HC2 is so far removed from reality and so over the top that it feels like a John Waters movie on steroids.



## FINAL SEQUENCE

### The Human Centipede 3 (2015)

With this supposedly final film, Six channels Cecil B. DeMille by launching a 500-person centipede using real actors and no CGI. This full-blown meta-comedy sees Laser returning as a megalomaniacal prison warden and Harvey as his simpering sidekick. After watching the first two films, they decide to solve the problem of feeding the inmates by sewing them together. With Laser chewing scenery, Laurence sweating and sniggering, the extreme social commentary of prison overpopulation and the casting of eccentric Hollywood actor Eric Roberts as the leering governor, HC3 is the last word in berserk bad taste and as such, is one of the funniest horror films ever made.

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Nicholas Hoult plays Nux in *Mad Max*. CONTRIBUTED

## Nicholas Hoult nuts for Mad Max

### Q&A

**Nicholas Hoult  
talks heavy  
makeup,  
acting crazy**



**Ned  
Ehrbar**  
Metro | Life

Nicholas Hoult is no stranger to excessive makeup. He's played a pale-skinned, love-lorn zombie in *Warm Bodies*, a blue-furred Beast in the *X-Men* films, even a blonde, sun-kissed coed in *A Single Man*. But with *Mad Max: Fury Road*, Hoult learned a whole new aspect of appearance-altering makeup: Sometimes it can be quite tasty.

### **This is probably the loudest movie I've seen in a while.**

It was kind of like that on set as well because there was all these big engines surrounding you. You're sitting in a tin can of a car and they'd start up these huge V8s or whatever and you'd be like, "Boom, here we go."

### **It also looked like it didn't necessarily smell very good, that set.**

Depends on what you appreciate to smell. The smell of, like, burning gasoline, dry desert — and for me, glue and prosthetic makeup — is quite enjoyable. And flames and burning explosions. It's all quite visceral, adrenalin-pumping stuff.

**Your character Nux doesn't**

### **have a lot of quiet moments.**

No, I really don't. Normally I play characters that are quite reserved, quite quiet. In real life I'm pretty chilled and calm.

### **So how do you sort of get yourself worked up for something like this?**

You know what? I went on a yoga retreat (laughs). No, first of all it's about understanding the world that George (Miller) has created. George was great in the sense that he basically told me my character's life story from conception up until the moment you meet him in the film. So knowing these things, how would the character react? It's kind of a strange thing because it's counterintuitive to what I'd be like in most of those situations. So it's like, all right, if I'm caught in a toxic dust storm in this car, trying to blow myself up and kill somebody and blah blah, I'd be absolutely terrified and probably ask if we can turn back and that I've changed my mind. But this character is so committed and also positive in the strangest of environments. It's so otherworldly to me.

### **You haven't experienced this in ordinary life?**

Surprisingly, no. The thing that makes it easy is that you have this makeup on and you have these costumes and you're surrounded by these vehicles and very vivid sets and you're on location with the dust and the sand and desert, and it kind of feels all very natural and real and you get swept along by the mo-

ment. And then it becomes kind of second nature.

### **You don't get a lot of shirts.**

Running low on shirts, my character. I do get to wear the original *Mad Max* jacket at one point. I only have one boot for a lot of the film, so I'm running around all wonky. And then I've got this chain. At one point I'm chained to Tom, which is a nightmare for the rest of the film. It keeps getting tangled up in things and stuff.

### **This is more of a cosmetic question, but did you actually shave your head for this?**

Yeah, that's your job. And to be honest with you, transformation like that makes your job a lot easier. Partly because you feel different and also partly because people respond to you differently. In real life, I'm not a very scary presence.

### **I'm sure if you wanted to be, you could.**

Yeah, yeah, yeah, I could be scary. Thank you, I really appreciate that. But yeah, shave my head, make me look kind of deathlike, cover me in scars, but you've still got to keep some sort of soul and tenderness for this character.

### **The chapped lips almost looked like skeleton teeth.**

They were quite fun because, you know when you have dry lips and you enjoy, like, chewing on them and biting them? I essentially had an endless supply of that throughout the day. We went over-budget because I couldn't stop nibbling on my fake lips.



# So long, TV greats, hello, old friend



Jessica Allen commemorated the end of *Mad Men* and *Letterman* with a couple of slices from her favourite pizza joint. ABOVE AND BELOW: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; VESUVIO PIZZA SHOT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## FINALE

### Enjoy a few slices, for old times' sake

#### THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen



My partner Simon and I used to order a party-size pizza from Vesuvio in Toronto at least once a week. But because I've been mindful of what I eat since January, it's been a while. Okay, precisely 147 days.

How would I cope without it? It felt like the end of an era: a sentiment millions of viewers share after two great television shows, *Mad Men* and *Late Night with David Letterman*, have ended.

*Mad Men* adores methodically look for meaning. In the third-last episode, for example, I noted that two characters said "for old times' sake." That's a line from *The Godfather*—remember when Tessio asks Tom to let him off the hook? Coincidentally, in that very episode Don Draper is reading *The Godfather*. Jackpot!

Other views, including Simon's, argue that while there are great moments—including the first season's Kodak Carousel scene when Draper's advertising magic seduces the client and the audience—they all come undone on account of one of the stupidest backstories in all of television.

It's ham-fisted, says Simon, and undermines any existential weight the show accidentally has.



Letterman if he regrets not tweaking his show in order to accommodate new audiences: "I know I can't do what Jimmy Fallon's doing. I know I can't do what Jimmy Kimmel is doing," he said. "There's nothing left to be worried about."

Speak for yourself. The rest of us will have to cope with Fallon cracking himself up after every joke and smashing eggs on his head.

I also fretted over marking the finale of *Mad Men* before the pizza arrived and told Simon as much.

"Are you kidding me?" he said, before declaring that it's the only show where the series doesn't live up to the finale. "Are you not even listening to the song I just put on? And look what I'm drinking!"

He was holding a vodka martini with a twist. In the background, Frank Sinatra's *I Get Along Without You Very Well* hummed away.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*

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## BOARDGAME DICTIONARY

## Scrabble players can now twerk, lolz

"Twerking," "hashtag" and "facetime" are among 6,500 brash new entries in the Scrabble "Bible" that reflect the Internet age but have left traditionalists squirming.

The number of new words in Official Scrabble Words, released by British publishing

house Collins, is double the amount added to the previous edition — boosted by slang, pop culture and the web.

The Collins dictionary, used by enthusiasts of the board game across the world, excluding North America, is updated every four to five years.

Some of the highest-scoring new words that are permissible include "quinzhee," an Inuit snow shelter, and the Yiddish term "schvitz," to sweat.

Not everyone is happy with the changes, with purists objecting to new slangy terms such as "lolz," to denote laughter, "cakehole" for mouth, and "lotsa," for lots of. AFP



**The Internet age has revolutionized the inclusion of slang in dictionaries.**

Helen Newstead of publishing house Collins



New words have entered the Scrabble dictionary. AFP

# Elite athletes flex brain power under pressure

## REACTION SPEED

## Sportspeople tested 82% faster than others: Study

Elite athletes are blessed with an area of the brain that performs 82 percent faster than average under intense pressure, a study published on Wednesday claims.

A series of tests commissioned by Dunlop Tyres in conjunction with University College London (UCL) found that extreme sportsmen and women performed significantly better under physical and mental duress than members of the public.

Test subjects were given tasks that required the use of the parietal cortex, a key part of the brain that determines reaction speed. The study found that the athletes had "an exceptional advantage".

"What often sets some people apart from the rest is not how good they are in the practice arena, but how good they are

under pressure," said UCL professor Vincent Walsh, who has worked on mental conditioning with British Olympic athletes and the England rugby team.

"We wanted to test these guys to see if we could probe what sets them apart. In some of the participants' fields, split-second decision-making can result in the ultimate difference."

The five athletes who took part in the study were motorcyclist John McGuinness, leading free climber Leo Houlding, racing driver Sam Bird, wing-suit daredevil Alexander Polli and skeleton bob Olympic gold medalist Amy Williams.

The quintet and five members of the public were subjected to mental and physical pressures before performing a timed visual task that required participants to identify a series of shapes and patterns.

After the physical exercises, which included the participants working until exhaustion on exercise bikes, the elite sportspeople were 82 percent quicker than the other participants. AFP



Skeleton racer Amy Williams was one of five athletes who took part in a study on performance under intense pressure. AFP

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Rachel Weisz in Paolo Sorrentino's English-language *Youth*. CONTRIBUTED

# Euro cinema at English-heavy Cannes

**'ANGLOPHONE VIRUS'**  
**Filmmakers say nothing has been lost in translation**

The Cannes Film Festival is the movies' answer to the United Nations. The filmmakers and media of the world are usually represented in one way or the other. The Croisette, Cannes' seaside promenade, is usually a babble of tongues.

So this year's festival slate of films was greeted with consternation in some corners when a commonality was noticed across many of the festival's in-competition selections: the English language.

Though there are only two American filmmakers in competition for Cannes' Palme d'Or and no British directors, this year's festival is littered with Europe's elite filmmakers working in a language not their own. On a continent that has warily watched English become a kind of de facto common language, fears flared that contemporary European cinema was being lost in translation.

The Guardian said that an "Anglophone virus" was rampaging.

Italy's Paolo Sorrentino on Wednesday premiered his second English-language film, *Youth*, with Michael Cain and Harvey Keitel. Four other notable names in international film — Norway's Joachim Trier, Italy's Matteo Garrone, Greece's Yorgos Lanthimos and Mexico's Michel Franco — are all making their English language debuts. And Québécois filmmaker Denis Villeneuve, an Oscar-nominee for his French language *Incendies*, premiered

his English language drug war thriller *Sicario* on Tuesday.

As the festival has unspooled, many directors have defended their decision to switch languages for the sake of creative curiosity and for the greater opportunities it affords them.

After making the Oscar-nominated *Dogtooth* and his follow-up, *Alps*, Lanthimos moved from Greece to London. His Cannes entry *The Lobster*, starring Colin Farrell and Rachel Weisz, certainly showed no loss of idiosyncrasy in its satirical tale of divorcees and single people who face being turned into an animal if they don't find a spouse.

"I don't know what the fuss is about," Lanthimos said. "It's been always happening in this time and age, people live anywhere in the world, work anywhere in the world. I guess it's a strange, interesting coincidence. But other than that, I don't think it really means anything. In my case, for sure, it is easier to make a film in the English language and have a few more resources than I did in Greece. So that's part of the choice."

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**I'm not sure if it's a trend. We'll see**

Cannes Film festival director Thierry Frémaux

"If you want to go to the American market, maybe you need to have a film in English, but I still think all the great directors make films in their own languages," said festival director Thierry Frémaux, who said English functions like "the new Esperanto." "I'm not sure if it's a trend. We'll see."

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# On the darker side of funny

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## Shira Piven takes a risk in comedy about mental illness

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When Shira Piven went searching for a story to make her second movie, she came across a script that might have scared off a lot of other filmmakers. After all, *Welcome To Me* isn't just a comedy — it's a comedy about mental illness.

"I feel like the script was written with care," explained the sophomore director from Los Angeles. "It's definitely risky to make a movie that has funny elements about a woman who has borderline personality disorder, which is a very real thing, but there are lots of funny things

that happen in real life; lots of absurd moments that we all stumble into — even people with mental illness — so the tone of the script was very familiar to me."

Even so, Piven insists she was "extremely careful and respectful" in crafting the fictional comedy about unstable Alice Klieg (Kristen Wiig) — a woman who wins the lottery and, inspired by her idol Oprah Winfrey, buys herself a talk show in which to broadcast her own incredibly personal interests and issues.

"I think the mental illness illuminates the social illness in the movie," said Piven, referring to the parallels of Klieg's obsession with today's cultural infatuation to "broadcast" our lives through social media.

Piven also admits that casting Kristen Wiig was key to balancing that fine line between drawing laughs and simply treading on a sensitive social issue. Although Wiig is best known for crafting sidesplitting characters

from her days on *Saturday Night Live*, the *Bridesmaids* star portrays Alice Klieg with subdued poignancy.

"I was inspired by certain performances that I'd seen," says Piven, who specifically points to Martin Scorsese's 1982 film *The King of Comedy* in which comedians Jerry Lewis and Sandra Bernhard played serious parts. "They played it absolutely straight so they were fascinating. I find the darker side of funny people really fascinating (so) I felt that I wanted an actress like Kristen — an actress that really began in a comic place intuitively but could also go to more tragic, darker places."



**I find the darker side of funny people really fascinating**

Director Shira Piven



Kristen Wiig in the dark comedy *Welcome to Me*. CONTRIBUTED

### ON THE SET

#### Wind Kristen Wiig up, and let her go

"That's your job as a director when you're working with good people," said Shira Piven of working with Kristen Wiig.

"Create an environment where they feel free to play and be their most free self. So a lot of time it was just about keeping a very relaxed atmosphere on set and making sure she felt safe and comfortable trying a lot of different things."

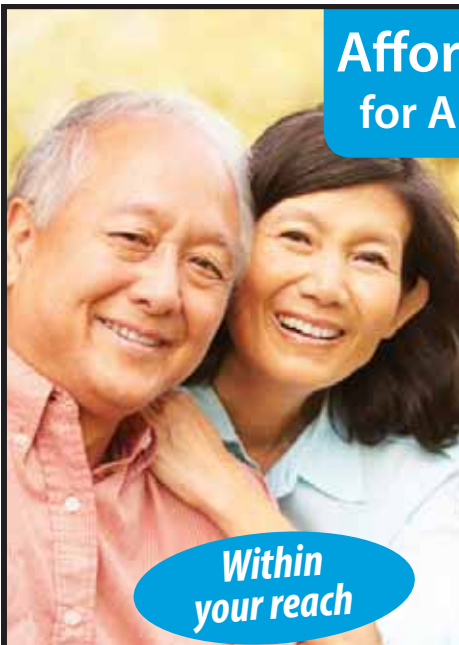
#### Improvising and flexing her comedy muscle

Co-produced by her longtime husband and filmmaker Adam McKay, Piven admits the Anchorman-director helped her flex her comedy muscle.

"He's got this kind of amazing method of directing comedy and when he produces, he always encourages directors to use improvisation and get alternate takes," said Piven.

"It's not entirely a comedy but definitely, (he) gave me more confidence to do more improvising."

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It's not always possible to know what kind of coverage will work best for you in the future, but that shouldn't stop you from taking time to review your coverage and make sure it still is working for you.



# Reproductive help for single women



Sweden will allow single women access to the country's heavily subsidized assisted reproduction programs. ISTOCK

## NEW LAW IN SWEDEN

### Current ban an 'outdated view' of families, minister says

Sweden said Thursday it wants to give single women access to assisted reproductive technologies, following in the footsteps of several other Western na-

tions.

"We want to lift the ban on single women from our current law on medically assisted reproduction," Health Minister Gabriel Wikstrom told reporters.

"Current legislation is based on an outdated view (of families), which says you need two people to raise a child," Justice Minister Morgan Johansson said.

"We know that's not true, and that in fact it never was."

When the new law comes

into effect — likely in April 2016 — single women will be just as entitled as couples to access the country's heavily subsidized assisted reproduction programs in the public health sector.

"The rules will not be any more difficult," Johansson said.

Children born through assisted reproduction will have the right to know the sperm donor's identity, as stipulated by the current law for couples.

Single women are already

allowed to receive this type of medical assistance in several countries including Belgium, Spain, Denmark, Britain, Australia and the United States.

Sweden's politicians back the plan, with the exception of the extreme right-wing and the Christian Democrats.

The government believes some 1,500 to 2,000 women would likely seek treatment within a few years of the new law's passing. AFP

## DATA FROM 13 COUNTRIES

### Cold temps deadlier than heat, study says

A large international study suggests that cold temperatures are responsible for more deaths than hot days are.

In fact, the researchers found that cold temperatures were responsible for 20 times more deaths in all the places studied combined than hot days.

One of the authors, Eric Lavigne of the University of Ottawa, says the study suggests that in Canada, cold temperatures kill nine times as many people as hot weather does.

The scientists analyzed data on more than 74 million deaths

in 384 locations across 13 countries, including Canada.

Interestingly, it was not the extremes of temperature that caused the most temperature-related deaths.

Most of the deaths were caused by cold, but not extremely cold temperatures, says the study, which is published in the journal the Lancet.

The authors say public health officials should keep this in mind when devising policies for lowering the risk posed by weather.

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An international study found most weather-related deaths were associated with moderately cold days. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## IN BRIEF

### Boy Scouts head says ban on gay adults unsustainable

The national president of the Boy Scouts of America, Robert Gates, said Thursday that the organization's long-standing ban on participation by openly gay adults is no longer sustainable, and called for change in order to avert potentially destructive legal battles.

In a speech in Atlanta to the Scouts' national annual meeting, Gates referred to recent moves by Scout councils in New York City and elsewhere to defy the

ban. "The status quo in our movement's membership standards cannot be sustained," he said.

Gates said no change in the policy would be made at the national meeting. But he raised the possibility of revising the policy at some point soon so that local Scout organizations could decide on their own whether to allow gays as leaders.

In 2013, after bitter internal debate, the BSA decided to allow openly gay youth as scouts, but not gay adults as leaders. The change took effect in January 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# The songs of summer

Everyone needs an anthem for the sunny days and balmy nights of the fair weather months. Take this quiz to find out what your summer song of 2015 should be.

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The crowd at this spring's Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. MATT COWAN/GETTY IMAGES

**1 How do you plan on celebrating your first Friday of summer?**

- a. Spending it with bae
- b. Hitting the beach with your friends
- c. Day drinking outside

**2 Sometimes you fantasize about moving to:**

- a. Another city
- b. The beach

- c. The country with lots of land

**3 What's your dancing style?**

- a. You like to get your grind on
- b. Acting silly and jumping around
- c. You don't dance

**4 Your ideal partner:**

- a. Can cook
- b. Has a bit of a wild side

- c. You can bring home to mom

**5 What do you usually change into after work on a Friday?**

- a. Something stylish because you usually go out
- b. Your job is pretty laidback, so you usually don't change
- c. Boxers and a T-shirt

**6 Your Instagram is mostly photos of:**

- a. You're not going to lie. There's a lot of selfies.
- b. Cool street art around the city
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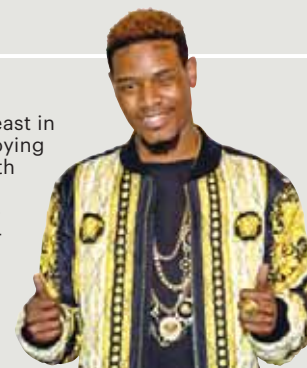
**7 Your summer mission is:**

- a. Get a VIP pass to a hotel rooftop pool
- b. Take advantage of all the free outdoor concerts
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**Trap Queen by Fetty Wap**

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**Shut Up And Dance by Walk The Moon**

This summer, you're looking for adventure and we predict you're in for one heck of a ride if you keep following your "wherever the night may lead" mindset. When you're a "victim of the night," who knows what might happen?



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## 2 Alsace, France

The region of Alsace sits nestled against the Vosges Mountains on the French side of the border between Germany and France. The region produces eight varieties but is best known for its Riesling, which is less sweet than you might expect. The region is relatively small and is best explored by bike. Some of the larger towns of Colmar or Molsheim make good places to base yourself, but make sure to take time to explore the stunning and charming villages in between. Riquewihr is a picture-perfect postcard example of the region's unique architecture, which is influenced by its close proximity to Germany.



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# Cocktail culture shakes up city

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## Bartenders creating new combinations to sip, savour

Whether celebrating happy hour, going on a date or indulging in a liquid lunch, Ottawa's cocktail scene has plenty on tap.

Gone are the days when the drink with the most alcohol and sugar was the tipple of the week (we're looking at you, Long Island Iced Tea). Now cocktails are appreciated not only for their intoxicating abilities, but also for their flavour profiles.

"Bartenders everywhere have moved towards more traditional, organic cocktail making," said Emily Lenzi, owner of the farm-to-table gastropub Two Six Ate in Ottawa's Little Italy neighbourhood. "People are making their own bitters, infusing spirits, making syrups and cordials and using fresh, local ingredients."

With twists on traditional beverages and unique cre-



Emily Lenzi, left, owner, and Roopa Philar, manager, of Ottawa restaurant Two Six Ate, create cocktails. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ations, Two Six Ate's list is expansive, and gives a nod to the surrounding Italian community with Campari, Aperol and Prosecco.

The Gin 'n Juice cocktail

— gin, grapefruit juice, soda, house grapefruit bitters, peach bitters, lemon juice, allspice, maple syrup and, most notably, a splash of Cynar — had been invented to feature the herb-

and-citrus Italian artichoke liqueur.

"I had wanted to (pair Cynar and grapefruit) for a long time," Lenzi said. "I've always thought those flavours could work well

together if they were balanced the right way. I think the drink is fun and refreshing and a good example of the types of things we like to make."

Among all the factors that make a great cocktail, "balance" is one word common among bartenders and mixologists, even those new to the scene like Ace Mercado.

Opened in August, the restaurant prides specializes in tequila-based drinks. It's not all margaritas and tequila sunrise though. Ace is highly creative; any patron need only order the Aldasoro to see that.

A mix of tequila and liqueurs, the cocktail is a beautiful purple, but it doesn't stop there. For wow, Ace uses green Chartreuse that is lit and then cooled using liquid nitrogen.

"(We want to) leave each guest with a strikingly unique and memorable experience through each of our different cocktails," said Scott Porter, managing partner of Ace Mercado.

On Elgin Street, the Guest Room, on the top floor of Fresco Bistro, has a speakeasy vibe and is constantly mixing up something new and different.

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#### Where to have a drink

• Two Six Ate is at 268 Preston St. and is open late. Closed on Tuesdays.

• Ace Mercado is at 121 Clarence St. in the ByWard Market.

• The Guest Room is on the second floor of Fresco Bistro at 354 Elgin St.

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The bar creates its own flavours of alcohol, from tulip and rosemary-infused gin to tobacco-infused tequila. Staffers make their own syrups, like salted caramel, vanilla and even Guinness. Many drinks are smoked.

The mixologists need a certain amount of swagger to serve the Rat Pack, a \$40 cocktail featuring Jack Daniel's Frank Sinatra Select whiskey and buttered Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky.

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# EMERALD AWARDS

## Helping inspire others

The 24th annual Emerald Awards celebrating environmental leaders from around the province are just around the corner. The awards will be presented June 4 at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

"People across Alberta feel passionate about the need to balance the development of our province's rich resources with careful stewardship of the environment, and every year Albertans celebrate that balance with the Emerald Awards," says Gregory Caswell, communication and outreach manager at Alberta Emerald Foundation.

From small entrepreneurs to big energy producers, the Alberta Emerald Awards recognize and applaud dozens of environmental leaders,



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showcasing projects that demonstrate environmental excellence and set an example for everyone across the province. The outstanding environmental initiatives are undertaken by individuals, not-for-profit associations, large and small corporations, community groups, and governments from across Alberta.

Since 1992, the Emerald Awards has shared more than 2,500 examples of creative thinking and innovation in environmental management systems, technologies and education programs. By celebrating this excellence with the Emerald Awards, the Alberta Emerald Foundation is helping raise

the public's awareness of the growth in these different areas in recent years.

"We are really excited about and inspired by the examples of environmental leadership from around Alberta that make up this year's list of finalists," Caswell says.

Every year, the Alberta Emerald Foundation receives nominations in 10 established cross-sectoral categories with a panel of impartial judges reviewing the nominations and choosing a maximum of three finalists in each of the categories.

Since its inception 23 years ago, the Emerald Awards has recognized more than 450 finalists and 250 recipients. Over the years, each of the organizations or individuals nominated have helped Alberta balance its growth and resource development with the preservation of our environment.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to enter projects that may seem "everyday" to them, but could be extraordinary to someone else.

"Often, organizations engage in an environmental practice that seems commonplace to them, but it's likely that their hard work and dedication could inspire others," Caswell says. "The Emerald Awards aim to be the catalyst to raise the expectations and performance of environmental stewardship."

## PROGRAM ALLOWS STUDENTS TO FIND THEIR VOICE

What do you get when you take 42 Grade 4 students, two teachers and one very dedicated parent volunteer?

In the case of Westmount Charter School, you get the People for Energy and Environmental Literacy (PEEL) program, an initiative that teaches students about environmental, social and economic challenges and opportunities around energy consumption, climate change, and sustainability.

The project is designed to promote literacy among students about the environment and energy in Alberta. Using a model from Princeton University, PEEL assesses the po-

tential options for stabilizing or decreasing carbon emissions in the province.

"Not only have our Grade 4 students gained an awareness of challenges and opportunities in our province, but they've gained skills in critical thinking, evaluating, understanding perspective and learning the complexities in making decisions when it comes to keeping the triple bottom line in balance," says Cayley Webber, one of the two teachers working with PEEL.

Students have conducted a school-wide energy audit and are engaging other students to "shut it off" in an "energy

movement" to encourage reducing energy consumption. The students are planning to make recommendations about energy reduction to the school board, and are organizing an eco-fair for June to celebrate and share what they have learned over the year. And PEEL is working with the Telus Spark Science Centre to preview its energy exhibit and give feedback. Students have also taken weekly nature field trips and engaged in letter writing campaigns.

"The students have worked with over 25 guest presenters and organizations to learn about forms of clean energy, the power of

their voice, government policies, unnecessary energy use, and carbon mitigation options," Webber says. "Some of our greatest accomplishments have come in students finding their own voice and understanding around the necessary changes required to mitigate the effects of climate change."

She says being a finalist for an Emerald Award is not only an honour, it serves as a big dose of encouragement, too.

"So often, projects and initiatives go unsung in the world of environment, so to be recognized for the efforts of the PEEL project has been a huge boost."



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# EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT BEARS

From improving how garbage is handled in town to monitoring where bears like to go around the community, the Fish and Wildlife Crowsnest Pass Bearsmart program is making a big difference in managing two species of bears in the area, and reducing the number of bear mortalities and animal relocations.

Led by local certified volunteers, the Bearsmart program educates the public, has helped create local garbage and wildlife attractant bylaws and is also working at “providing bear-proof garbage cans to as many people as we can and removing attractants for those who are unable,” says Christy Pool, the field supervisor/co-ordinator Fish and Wildlife Crowsnest Pass Bearsmart.

The nine-year-old program is aimed at creating an environment where people and bears can cohabitate with “as little impact on each other as possible.” It focuses on education, assistance and providing guidance to the residents of the Crowsnest Pass in managing attractants (like garbage and even apples that fall from the trees), bear awareness and safety, and what to do and how to react if you encounter a bear.

“A big part of our program is monitoring resident bears to make sure they stay out of residential areas and in the forestry that surrounds our town,” Pool says. “We are able to identify travel routes, hot spots and food sources by studying their movements, allowing us to plan ahead to try to prevent their natural behaviour being changed or affected by people through attractants or activities.”

The program has had great success engaging the community with bear behaviour and wildlife/human coexistence manage-



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ment projects, including awareness courses, public service announcements, the Going Wild Wildlife Expo, annual apple picking, radio-transmitter monitoring systems, and residential assessments.

“I believe that through our many programs and activities we are changing the at-

titude of our community towards bears and how they are managed,” Pool says. “We have a lot of support and are requested to put on many courses and attend numerous events throughout the year.”

Pool, who is grateful for the support of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource

Development (ESRD), says being a finalist for an Emerald Award “means a lot to our organization. It makes us feel like the many hours of hard work are being recognized.”

Pool hopes others will follow suit, and create their own programs that make it possible to cohabitate with the wildlife around us.

## Framework for a vision of the future

Lacombe County has built an internally focused environmental management system (EMS) as a framework to conserve, protect and enhance the environment in balance with social and economic needs of the community. County officials are committed to a healthy environment for current and future generations and the EMS will help them achieve that vision.

“This project differs from many others because we took the time to plan and set up an EMS framework, rather than diving straight into the ground work,” says Blayne West, the environmental co-ordinator at Lacombe County.

While other municipalities have environmental programming, the EMS is the first of its kind in a rural community in Alberta.

“The system is built upon extensive community and staff consultation, a rigorous environmental review compiled into a state



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of the environment report, a guiding policy and a detail environmental management plan (EMP), which provides targets and deliverables,” West says.

Taking the time to perform extensive consultation and develop a realistic, measurable and

achievable action plan will ensure the system succeeds. That process also helped Lacombe County create a better sense of trust, “one of our major barriers and ensure buy-in from numerous staff members and ratepayers,” he says.

The county started creating the EMS in

2012 and implemented the plan's first actions in 2014.

“To be recognized for the hard work and dedication of councillors, staff and our residents is a tremendous honour,” West says. “We are at the beginning of our journey, and recognition such as this will help to encourage additional desire to continue working towards our goals.”

EMS includes baseline data from scientific and community information, a framework to share success and exemplify leadership, as well as collaborations with post-secondary institutions. Lacombe County worked in partnership with the University of Calgary to write a telephone survey and publish a paper from the findings of the survey data.

The system is being used as a case study to help teach masters students at the University of Calgary, and other municipalities have asked to learn more. The system has also led to forming new partnerships with watershed groups, air shed management authorities, and private companies.

“The desire and drive for change can come from a number of sources,” West says. “Programs such as the Emerald Awards provide inspiration and ideas for others and help exemplify the can-do attitude when faced with challenges and provide a template for other organizations.”



IN BRIEF

Canada's soccer hopes touch down at Pearson

The Canadian women's soccer team touched down in Toronto on Thursday night, their next-to-last stop before kicking off this summer's World Cup in little more than two weeks.

Coach John Herdman and the 23-player Canada roster arrived at Pearson International Airport from Mexico, where they spent the last week undergoing heat training in Cancun.

The host squad will remain in the GTHA until days before the tournament's opening game against China in Edmonton June 6.

The World Cup's other host cities include Vancouver, Montreal, Winnipeg, Moncton and Ottawa. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

McIlroy blames mental fatigue for mixed results

Defending champion Rory McIlroy shot a 1-under 71 on Thursday, leaving him six shots behind leader Francesco Molinari at the BMW PGA Championship after a mixed performance he blamed on mental fatigue.



Rory McIlroy

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Playing for the fourth straight week, the top-ranked McIlroy failed to recapture the form that saw him surge to a record seven-shot victory last week at the Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow.

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Spieth at home atop leaderboard at Colonial

Masters champion Jordan Spieth made a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole with darkness falling Thursday, grabbing a share of the first-round lead in the rain-delayed Colonial.

Spieth just missed the green on his approach at the 18th hole, and putted from off the back right fringe. The closing birdie shortly after 8 p.m. put him atop the leaderboard with Kevin Na, Boo Weekley and Ryo Ishikawa.

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# Ducks back in driver's seat

NHL PLAYOFFS

## Andersen makes 27 saves as Blackhawks' PP goes quietly

Frederik Andersen made 27 saves, helping Anaheim kill off five power plays, and the Ducks beat the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 on Thursday night for a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference final.

Defenceman Simon Despres scored his first career playoff goal in the second period as top-seeded Anaheim bounced back quite nicely from a triple-overtime loss at home in Game 2. Patrick Maroon had a power-play goal and Ryan Getzlaf added two assists.

GAME 3 In Chicago



Ryan Kesler's two holding penalties contributed to more than nine power-play minutes for the Blackhawks, but the Ducks' penalty killers kept most of Chicago's opportunities to the outside and Andersen stood his ground during a



The Ducks' Ryan Getzlaf and the Blackhawks' Andrew Desjardins lock up during a faceoff in Game 3 of their Western Conference final on Thursday night in Chicago. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

couple of goalmouth scrums. Patrick Kane scored his eighth playoff goal for Chicago, and Corey Crawford made 25 saves.

Game 4 is Saturday night in Chicago.

The teams were tied 1-1 before

Despres drove a pass from Getzlaf past Crawford from the right wing with 55 seconds left in the second. Despres came over in a trade with Pittsburgh in March.

The Blackhawks outshot the Ducks 11-5 in the third,

but couldn't get the tying goal as Andersen continued his great run in the playoffs. The 25-year-old Andersen has allowed just 23 goals in 12 games.

While the Blackhawks struggled on the power play, the

Ducks capitalized on their only chance with the man advantage. With Marian Hossa in the box for holding, Maroon tipped Hampus Lindholm's long slap shot past Crawford at 12:55 of the first for a 1-0 lead.

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DEBATE

## T.O. fighting words: 'I believe this is Canada's team'

Canadians can get touchy when one NHL franchise is anointed "Canada's team," as incoming Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock found out on Thursday.

"Whether you believe it or not, I believe this is Canada's team and we need to put Canada's team back on the map," Babcock told a buzzing media contingent at Air Canada Centre on Thursday while accepting the job as the 30th head coach in Maple Leafs history.

It was one seemingly innocuous comment at the beginning of a lengthy news conference, but it certainly touched a nerve.

MAPLE LAUGHS

The Leafs have missed the playoffs in nine of the last 10 seasons and seemingly quit trying last season while slumping to a 30-44-8 record, second-worst in the Eastern Conference.

The Maple Leafs added to the outrage when they posted a Vine video of Babcock uttering the offending phrase on their Twitter account.

Social media justice was

swift. "Canada's Team" was the second-highest trending topic in the country on Twitter, with several posters mocking the suggestion that the Maple Leafs represented hockey fans nationwide.

"Canada's Team' Jesus. This is why Canada hates Toronto," read one Twitter post.

Some felt the Montreal Canadiens, with their proud history, are Canada's team.

"Canada deserves better than a perennial loser and disappointment. Everybody knows who Canada's team is. #Habs," posted Calgary Stampeders punter Rob Maver. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Leafs president Brendan Shanahan listens to Mike Babcock at the new head coach's introductory news conference Thursday at Air Canada Centre. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



**MLB****THURSDAY In Toronto**

Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey made some adjustments to his delivery Thursday night and it paid off with his first complete game of the season.

The veteran knuckleballer said he slowed the tempo down and it helped give the pitch some late movement. It left the Los Angeles Angels largely befuddled in Toronto's 8-4 victory at Rogers Centre.

Edwin Encarnacion and Danny Valencia hit homers to give their starter a nice cushion as the Blue Jays salvaged a split of the four-game series in front of 19,014 fans.

Dickey (2-5) gave up a solo shot to Marc Krauss in the first inning and settled down after that. David Freese hit a two-run shot in the ninth inning for Los Angeles (21-20) to make

the scoreline more respectable.

"I wasn't going to let a small blip on the radar determine the outcome of the game," Dickey said of the early homer. "I was thankful tonight that I did a good job of arresting a lot of momentum that they might have been building."

"So hopefully this will be a great stepping stone towards a more consistent performance."

It was the 14th complete game of Dickey's career and his first since last July. He recorded a season-high seven strikeouts and gave up four earned runs and five hits while walking a pair.

It was Toronto's second win in its last nine games. The Blue Jays (19-24) will continue their 10-game homestand Friday night against the Seattle Mariners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There are no strangers in this year's Memorial Cup tournament.

The four teams that will begin the battle at the Pepsi Colisée on Friday night have been in major junior hockey's championship tournament repeatedly, although it's been 25 years since the Oshawa Generals' last appearance.

Each team has won it at least once, and all are capable

of winning again.

The Kelowna Rockets, led by scoring star Leon Draisaitl, plowed through the Western Hockey League playoffs with a 16-3 record, including a four-game sweep of the top-ranked Brandon Wheat Kings in the final.

The Rimouski Oceanic went 16-4 in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League post-season, but needed a goal by

Michael Joly in the second overtime period to beat the Quebec Remparts in Game 7 of the final.

Oshawa, fresh from a 13th Ontario Hockey League championship after going 16-5 in the playoffs, used the best defence in all three leagues to send phenom Connor McDavid and the Erie Otters packing in only five games in their final.

And the host Remparts bring a team of speed and skill led by Tampa Bay Lightning prospect Adam Erne, who scored 21 goals in 22 playoff games.

The Remparts open the round robin portion of the 10-day tournament Friday night against Kelowna, while Oshawa plays Rimouski on Saturday afternoon.

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Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 3 minutes

### Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp honey
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp minced ginger
- 3 Tbsp water
- 4 cup chopped baby bok choy
- ¼ cup grated carrot
- 4 oz baby cocktail shrimp
- 10 endive leaves
- ¼ cup chopped green onions

### Directions

**1.** To make the sauce: In a small bowl mix peanut butter, lemon juice, soy sauce, honey, garlic, ginger and water until smooth.

**2.** In a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, add bok choy and stir fry for 3 minutes or just until soft. Add carrots, shrimp and half of the peanut sauce and cook for 1 minute until warm.

**3.** Spoon into endive leaves and drizzle with remaining sauce. Garnish with green onions.

### Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 10)

- Calories 50
- Carbohydrates 5 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Protein 5 g
- Fat 1.5 g
- Sodium 190 mg

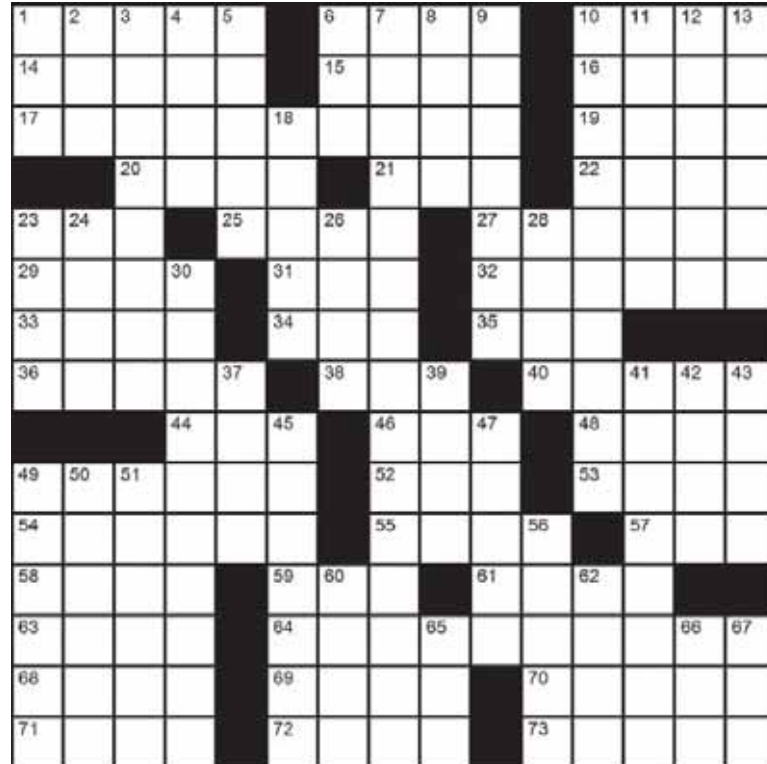
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Ready to rock  
6. Gladiator's 1700  
10. Melancholy  
14. \_\_\_-eyed  
15. Of an important time  
16. Dokey's pal  
17. Canadian director, Denis \_\_\_ (His film at #7-Down is a contender for #3-Down)  
19. BC footballer  
20. Slight  
21. Belg. neighbour  
22. 'I' and 'M' of IMO  
23. Fizzle  
25. Chg. card printout  
27. Canadian actor Mr. Garber of #7-Down  
29. Halts  
31. Esther's "\_\_\_ in Need of a Musical Revolution"  
32. From times-of-yore  
33. Glaswegian  
34. Schedule acronym  
35. Un-high  
36. Jeweller's meas.  
38. Young newt  
40. Sci-Fi flick extra  
44. \_\_\_ few rounds (Spar)  
46. Swell/ducky  
48. Pace  
49. Missing  
59. Get permission  
61. Norway's patron saint  
63. "Freak on a Leash" nu metal band  
64. Food trucks specializing in french  
57. Founded [abbr.]  
58. Epithet for Athena  
59. Get permission  
61. Norway's patron saint  
63. "Freak on a Leash" nu metal band  
64. Food trucks specializing in french



- fries: 2 wds.  
68. Crossed out  
69. Juliette's "The English Patient" (1996) role  
70. Freshwater fish  
71. Rivers: Spanish  
72. Hen's hatchables  
73. Watched:

2 wds.

### DOWN

1. Rugged vehicle, commonly  
2. Pai \_\_\_ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004) character  
3. Big prize at the Cannes Film Festival: 2 wds.

tival: 2 wds.

4. Writer, \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner  
5. Hair tint workers  
6. Michie \_\_, Canadian rapper  
7. Starring Emily Blunt, what "Sicario" (2015) is about: 2 wds.  
8. Bat's hangout

9. Quebec municipality northwest of Rouyn-Noranda near the Ontario border  
10. Criminal investigation component: 2 wds.  
11. Similar/related: 2 wds.  
12. Canadian sculptor whose work is featured in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park: 2 wds.  
13. \_\_\_ Skynyrd  
18. Food packaging meas.: 2 wds.  
23. Office table  
24. Empire of yore  
26. Olivia Newton-John's "Let \_\_\_ There"  
28. The Munsters' pet bat  
30. Behind-the-scenes theatre people  
37. Ms. Braxton  
39. Brit's bye-bye  
41. Neil Simon play, \_\_\_ in the Park  
42. Mr. Redding  
43. Examination  
45. Business tote, \_\_\_ case  
47. Under  
49. More less asleep, say  
50. Neil Simon play, \_\_\_ Blues  
51. "Connected" by \_\_\_ MC's  
56. Shoes to switch into after a night of partying  
60. \_\_\_ carpet  
62. Taj Mahal's site  
65. Not: French  
66. Stubby pencil  
67. Barn abode

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Venus, planet of harmony, is under pressure today but that does not mean you will be too. You will be okay if you refuse to let problems of a domestic nature get you down.

**♉ Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Yes, you appear to have a very thick skin but the fact is you are as easily upset as anyone else and what someone says today may hurt you immensely. Don't take it seriously and try to forgive them.

**♊ Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Chances are you will splash out on something that catches your eye today, only to regret it over the weekend when you realize how much it has cost and how little you now have available for other activities. Return it and get a refund.

**♋ Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If you throw yourself into a new project today there is every possibility you will be looking for a way to get out of it tomorrow, so think before you act. There are enough existing projects that need to be finished.

**♌ Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
The most important thing today and over the weekend is that you make sure that those you help are who most deserve your help. It's a sad fact of life that some people are happy to live on others' efforts rather than their own.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You must not allow your personal feelings to interfere with what needs to be done on the work front today. Some things are business and some things are personal.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Someone in a position of authority may be annoying but you need to remember that they have more power than you. You will sometimes have to make it look as if you agree.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Although Venus is moving through one of the best areas of your chart you still need to be careful, especially when traveling and socializing. You may be confident that you can handle anything that comes your way but don't tempt fate.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
If you make a small change in one thing today the effects are likely to be much bigger than you expected, so act with care and, if in doubt, don't act at all. Nothing is so important that it has to be dealt with immediately.

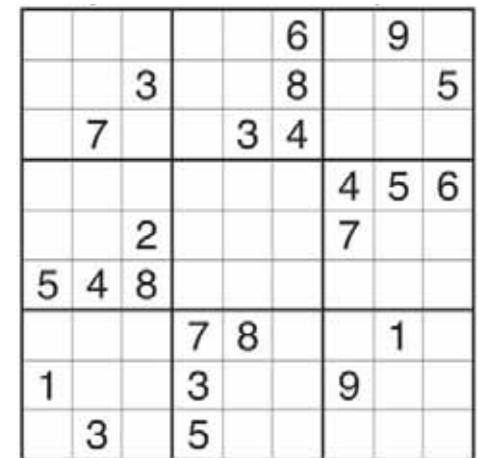
**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
If life seems too complicated of late it is most likely because you are making it too complicated. How do you make it simpler? Do less — a lot less. Cut back to essentials.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
The planets indicate you could fall for someone today or over the weekend who, to say the least, is not really suitable. Have a fling if you must but don't expect the relationship to last.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
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